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## Who's Who and What's What

The honorary degree of LL.D. was recently given by Oklahoma University to Dr. J. W. Storer of Tulsa and Mrs. Berta K. Spooner.

A campaign is on to raise \$100,000 for the endowment fund of Mary Hardin-Baylor College at Belton, Texas, in memory of Dr. John Crumpton Hardy who was president for the college for 25 years. Already half of the amount has been pledged.

Brother Houston Reno was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry by Center Hill church, Hamilton, Monroe County, on the first Sunday, March 5, 1939, in the presence of a large congregation. Brother Reno received the B.A. degree from Mississippi College in 1937, and plans to preach and teach a while then enter the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., for further training. We appreciate this fine young man.—W. C. Ballard, Pastor.

And now at the risk of giving somebody a severe pain we offer to give a translation and an interpretation for you to think about. Here it is: Ephesians 1:22, "He put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave Him (who is head over all things) to the church. Not to be head over all things to the church; but gave Him to the church, Him who is head over all things. When God had by his infinite power raised him from the dead, when he had made him to sit at his right hand, given him dominion over all things, made him head over all, then he gave him to the church. What a priceless gift. What immeasurable power and grace is in this, God's gift to his church.

The Baptist Record has been saying that it was sure to come to this. On last Saturday night W. P. Mitchell, prosecuting attorney of Lee County was shot and lies in the hospital in a critical condition. The shooting was done by a man whose place was being raided by officers for the sale of liquor. It seems a plain case of murder of an officer while in the discharge of his duty. Mr. Mitchell is said to have been active in suppressing lawlessness, and in a two weeks campaign against bootlegging had made thirteen arrests and instituted padlock proceedings against four places. Lee County about ten days ago voted against the sale of beer and wine. This murder is a challenge to the law abiding people of Lee County and of the state.

There have probably been very good sermons of a sort which never touched the text they were supposed to start with, may even have misinterpreted the text. For example a good many years ago the people who attended the Southern Baptist Convention were treated to a welcoming address supposed to be based on Paul's words in 2 Cor. 8:23, "The messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ." Of course the messengers of the churches were represented as the people who had come to the convention from the churches. But the words of Paul have no such meaning. The messengers of the churches that Paul spoke of were those whom the churches had sent out to do a specific type of mission work, not people who had been sent to a convention. The word messengers is a very good translation. It might have been translated missionaries just as well. The word is literally "apostles."

## FIVE THOUSAND CLUB P. I. L.

"Extra! Extra!" There's always something interesting in an "Extra." "What do ye more than others?" There is a joy in excelling. In going beyond what we are accustomed to do. In going beyond what the average person does. See that ye abound, or excel, in this grace also. Jesus said, "I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly. Peter exhorts us to show forth the "excellencies" of him that called us out of darkness into light. Jesus said "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. The scribes and Pharisees always gave a tenth of their income. Do you exceed that?

Let's get out of the monotony of just making our regular and stated offerings to the Lord. Let's go beyond any program that we have had as our standard. Let's get into the 5,000 Club with a little more than we ordinarily give. It is the person who goes the extra mile who shows the genuinely Christian spirit.

In First Church, Canton, the gifts to all causes in February this year were about 35% above the same month last year.

"The messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ." King James version says "and" the glory of Christ, but there is no and in it. The American Revised Version says, "they are the glory of Christ," but the words "they are" are not properly there. What is the glory of Christ? Did you ever stop to think what it is when you read the words. Which is the glory of Christ? Is it the messengers? Or is it the churches? The translations make it the messengers. Mrs. Montgomery renders it "Men in whom Christ is glorified." See if it is not more in harmony with all the teachings of scripture to interpret the passage as making the church as the glory of Christ. These men were messengers of the churches, which churches were the glory of Christ. Is this not in harmony with Paul's words elsewhere, Eph. 3:10, To the intent that unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly realms might be made known through the church, the manifold wisdom of God."

And here is another word about the church. It is "the body of Christ, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all," Eph. 1:23. Paul is not here speaking or thinking of Christ as the head of the body, but as the indwelling Godhead within the body of believers which constitute his church. As head over all things God gave Him to the church, and thus the church becomes the "fulness of Him that filleth all in all." The church is to do the work of Christ; it is to be the full rounded expression of his life and work. Christ does all his work in and through his church. The church can do anything which Christ would do if he were in the world. It is not a partial expression of Him. It is the fulness of Him. This doesn't mean some great aggregation of worldwide organizations. It means your church, the one to which you belong; that little church of a few members, and of no worldly prominence. Jesus said "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I." Your church is the fulness of Him that filleth all in all. All the work of Christ can be done in your church. "Ye are made full in Him."

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Laurel, Miss., March 7-8, 1939  
(By Mrs. G. C. Hodge)

E. C. Edwards opened the session with a praise and prayer service in which the large congregation joined heartily. President Walker Jones, Philadelphia, presided. Dr. L. G. Gates, beloved pastor of the host church, gave in his own inimitable way the words of welcome to the Chemurgic City, a term several speakers referred to with uncertain pronunciation, to the amusement of the Laurelites. In a unique departure from the usual president's message Mr. Jones won the congregation with his comments on the incentive to a great task worthily done. Committees were announced as follows: Committee on Nominations, J. R. E. Saunders, E. S. Flynt, M. C. Waldorf; Committee on Resolutions, Gaines Hightower, C. C. Caraway, Mrs. G. C. Hodge.

By this time the auditorium and balcony were filled and attentively received the devotional thought by Dr. James W. Middleton, Clinton, speaking on Making the Most of Yourself, based on Isa. 62:2; Jno. 1:40-42. His topic for the afternoon session was Making the Most of Where You Are, based on Titus 1:5 and for the night session, Taking a Short Cut to the Top, based on Jno. 13:5-16; Matt. 20:25-28.

Mrs. J. L. Gates, director of the local choir, gave a beautiful message in song. Dr. John L. Hill, book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, gave as his morning message: Our Supreme Objective—Bringing Boys and Girls to Jesus, emphasizing the points that evangelism in Sunday School is primary in importance, it is corrective in that it solves many problems of attendance, public worship, finance and building; it is also easy, since the subjects are close at hand, Jesus' example is before us to show us, and He is there to supply the power—He does the saving. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi, vice-president of the convention, led the closing prayer.

Following the noon recess, the prayer and praise service called the fellowshiping delegates to the auditorium with the hymns, He Hideth My Soul, and Come Thou Fount, led by brother Edwards, followed by the prayer-hymn, Footprints of Jesus. Dr. Middleton gave his second heart searching devotional following which there were three speakers from the Sunday School Board, Nashville: Miss Margaret Frost—A Right Beginning; Miss Mary Virginia Lee—These Boys and Girls; Herman L. King—Help Those Who Cannot. Dr. M. P. L. Berry of Hillman briefly introduced the college and the girls' quartet, which sang for our enjoyment and worship, Wonderful Jesus, and a composition of their director's, Miss Crone; In the Hush of the Morning.

Overflowing conference rooms indicated the popularity of this feature of the convention. They were announced by E. C. Williams, our efficient and beloved Sunday School secretary, with the following leaders: Administration, J. P. Edmunds; Extension, H. L. King; Adult, W. P. Phillips and Mrs. D. A. McCall; Young People, W. L. Day; Intermediate, Miss Mary Virginia Lee; Junior, Miss Margaret Frost; Primary, Miss Lucile Keith; Beginner, Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood; Cradle Roll, Miss Ruby Taylor; Vacation Bible School, J. B. Smith.

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## Sparks and Splinters

Our readers will help the Record by patronizing our advertisers. We are acquainted with the Edwards Hatchery and can recommend it.

Sponsored by the B. S. U. in Southeast Louisiana College, Pastor E. D. Elliott of Hammond, La., preached in a revival meeting in his own church. There were 15 professions of faith, 12 of them grown people.

Professor I. E. Reynolds, head of the School of Sacred Music, conducted several conferences on music last week at the homecoming of the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. The B. B. I. homecoming lasted the entire week and included a varied program of Bible studies, the Layne and Tharp lectures and conferences on music and religious education.

Rosedale—The people at Rosedale have been most cordial in their reception of Pastor and Mrs. D. H. Barnhill who recently went to Rosedale from Pelahatchie. A prepared table, a warm heart, a full pantry and a reception by the W. M. U. were on the bill of fare the first few days.

"And Peter lifted up his voice." That was on the day of Pentecost. He "lifted up his voice and spake forth." His voice had a clear note. It was like a trumpet, and did not give an uncertain source. There was a great crowd of folks and he wished all of them to hear what he said. But more than hearing what he said, they must know from the ring of his voice that he had a message worth hearing. There is something in the spirit of the man that gives a distinct note to the voice. There is something in the message itself which gives a resonant note to the message. Every preacher knows that he must get the proper "pitch" to his voice if he gets and keeps the ear of the people. And what is true of a preacher in the pulpit should be true of young people in their meetings. "Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid. Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God." Isaiah 40:9.

Meridian: The hearts of the membership and friends of the First Baptist Church were greatly encouraged and gladdened in the recent days of revival led by Gipsy Smith, Jr. The word was never more simply and forcefully preached than during the days of February 19-March 5. Many rededicated their hearts to God, twenty-three united with the church upon a profession of faith and ten came by letter. The church was crowded at each service and at many services great throngs of people were turned away because of lack of room. All the services were broadcast and countless thousands listened and were made glad by the word preached by this good man. The music was under the direction of Mr. Robert Cooper of Aberdeen, Miss. Mr. Cooper made many friends while in Meridian and his service was greatly appreciated.

Laurel was a busy place Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. Perhaps it always is. But there were possibly more Baptists there than ever before. The building of the First Church was a bee hive of activity. You would have thought you were in the W. P. A. headquarters in Washington. And they handled the crowd and the business like they were used to it. The wide spreading auditorium was full, and all the conference rooms were so many units of work. The registration and assignment work in the basement story was handled with precision and dispatch. Most speakers observed the time limit. The president kept the machine well oiled with humor and common sense. Pastor Gates was happy in making everybody happy. The weather was superb and that's an unusual sort of weather in 1939. The crowd was so large that a school girl passing by said, "Oo-oo! Must be a funeral!" Our Sunday school forces feel that a new high mark was set for their department of work. Laurel is a good place to hold a convention. We know of no more aggressive group of people or city in our part of the world.

50,000 boys and girls in New York by request voted on the most hated man on earth. Hitler was first, Mussolini second and the devil third.

It is said that air service will soon be in operation which will enable you to eat breakfast one day in London and the next on the shores of Galilee.

The First Baptist Church, Grenada, G. E. Wiley, pastor, has just closed the greatest year in its history, with the financial report, despite the fact that there was not special drive for money.

Dr. W. A. Hewitt and others of the family were called to the bedside of his mother who passed away last week. She was over ninety years of age and had been a member of Mars Hill church in Amite county for most of her life. She was a woman of deep piety and fine sense. She reared a large family who do honor to her name and memory.

So far as we recall we have never eaten any turtle, and at present our appetite does not run in that line. One thing we have heard about turtle meat is that in various portions of this crusty animal you may find some part that tastes like all the kinds of meat you ever heard about. Somehow we thought of this when we read a recent copy of "Minister," a monthly magazine for preachers and near preachers published in Chicago. Maybe you like turtle; but with us a little of it will last a long time.

Mr. Jno. R. Mott, in his address at Madras, said "Here in India we find ourselves among people characterized by reverence for religion, and also by large religious tolerance." As to the reverence that reminds us of the opening remarks of Paul in his sermon on the Areopagus at Athens. If you don't remember it you will find it in Acts 17:22. And as to the tolerance it is hardly consistent with the reports that constantly come out of India about the difficulty the British soldiers have in suppressing riots caused by conflicts between Hindus and Mohamedans.

We expected that the best things about the Evangelistic Conference at Clinton would happen after the messengers got back home, and evidences of this are coming to us. One pastor writes that he was led to pray early every morning while in Clinton for the most difficult cases in his community, and giving himself anew to the Lord he continued to pray when he got back home. Then he hunted up the lost. Soon his heart was filled with joy in seeing the marvelous grace and power of God revealed in salvation. The details are too personal for publication, but faith claimed the promise of God and the power comes down.

The April issue of The Sunday School Builder, a monthly magazine published by the Sunday School Board for Sunday school leaders, carries two fine accounts of achievement in Mississippi. There is a brief word on page thirteen from Miss Mary McCool, teacher, First Baptist Church, Jackson; and on page fourteen a fine article on winning Intermediates to Christ, by Chester Swor of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. One main emphasis of this particular issue is on the training of Sunday school workers for soul-winning work during the month of April. Other features make it a valuable periodical for all pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and other Sunday school leaders. The Sunday School Board would be glad to send sample copies on request.

There is reason to believe that many of our Baptist churches would have refused the orders of the government to pay taxes for social security, not because they wish to be disloyal to the government, but because they believe it is an interference with the rights and prerogatives of the church to tell them they must pay their preachers any stipulated amount as "adjusted compensation." Whenever the voluntary principle is violated in a church the main spring of our faith is destroyed. We have heard that some of our representatives in congress express the opinion that there is no probability that the amendment to the social security bill will pass, which would include the churches in its provision. So much for the effects of protest against it by our people.

Dr. B. Locke Davis, who went from Brookhaven to First Church, Springfield, Mo., is said to be preaching to overflow audiences.

The church at Cartersville, near Hattiesburg, A. L. O'Bryant pastor, has gone to full time preaching. The work prospers in many ways.

Pastor Hamlett says that church attendance at Juniper Grove for January and February broke all records, every seat being taken on the last Sunday night in February.

A recent issue of Editor and Publisher states that \$3,602,555,706 was spent in the United States last year for intoxicating liquor. This is ten times the amount given last year by all evangelical religious bodies for all purposes and several times the total value of all the churches, parsonages, schools, hospitals, orphanages, and all assets of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions.—Baptist Record of Iowa.

In our opinion some of the folks who preach against war are doing more to produce war than anybody else. If the Chinese had not so loved peace and hated militarism, the Japanese could never have overrun their country and would never have tried it. The folks that seek to get others to say they would never go to war for any cause are inviting rapine and plunder on the part of nations which are bent on expansion and imperialism. Tolstoy misinterpreted the words of Jesus, "Resist not evil," to mean that criminals are not to be punished. And those who say that christianity makes all wars wrong and impossible are fostering the criminal instinct in those who profit from pillaging.

Hitler scores. News dispatches from Berlin a few days ago were that the Nazis are opening a campaign against the use of tobacco and alcoholic liquors. Hitler himself is a total abstainer from both, and the national leaders are now calling upon the German youth for the sake of the race and the nation to forego the use of intoxicants and tobacco. They are going at the matter strongly and there is no doubt of the response of the youth to the Fuehrer's leadership. With many of Hitler's ideas we have absolutely no sympathy, but for sheer virility and indomitable spirit he elicits the admiration of all. The representatives of other nations who have come face to face with him have certainly shown up as weaklings.

And he opened his mouth and taught them. These are the words which introduce Jesus' "sermon on the mount." He opened his mouth. If you wish people to hear you, open your mouth. There is no use in preaching unless the people hear you. One of the first requisites to preaching is distinct utterance. This does not mean yelling at the top of your voice, but it does mean distinct articulation, clear enunciation. We preachers must not mumble our words. There are people who do not hear very well. There are some who are not much interested nor attentive. There are others who sit at such distance from the preacher as to make hearing difficult. It will greatly help to get attention, to hold interest and to enforce the truth, if the preacher will "open his mouth." Don't talk through your teeth or with lips closed, nor through your nose. The truth of God should be proclaimed clearly and understandingly.

Our Mississippi people will be interested in this from the Alabama Baptist: Pastor W. Lowrey Cooper, who has served the Southside Church, Montgomery, most efficiently for over four years, has resigned that church, effective March 15, having accepted an appointment from the Foreign Mission Board to become a member of the faculty of the Baptist Seminary at Buenos Aires, Argentina. While Pastor Cooper has served in an excellent way, Mrs. Cooper has also been a great blessing to the church, having been superintendent of the Intermediate department and church pianist, and also active in every phase of church work. Southside gives them up reluctantly, but feels honored that they will have such fine representatives on the foreign field. When Pastor and Mrs. Cooper and their four children leave for their new field, the love and blessings of the Southside church and all of Alabama will go with them.

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"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b.

"If my people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place."—2 Chronicles 7:14-15.

### I MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCES

Northeast—Baldwyn, February 7-9.  
Southeast—Hattiesburg, March 20-21.  
Southwest—Brookhaven, March 27-28.  
East Central—Macon, April 11-12.  
Northwest—March 30-31.  
West Central—

### II

In a Baptist ministers' association, a tall man, soft spoken in voice, arose. He spoke somewhat as follows: "Brethren, the other day I was \$500 short in Christmas charity expenses. I knew only one absolutely dependable resource. A helper was placed at the front with instructions to admit no one, and I went to the rear behind some empty goods boxes. There I was talking with my Lord about this need. The helper came back, apologetically saying there was a man at the front who insisted he had to see me. The visitor was led back to where I was and he said, 'I have \$500 I want to put in some good work. I am attracted by the giving of the gospel, food and clothing to the poor. Here is a check for \$500. Use it.'"

There, you have it. Five hundred dollars needed in a good work. Prayer. A great God! A man brings \$500. A coincidence? No,—God!

That was my introduction to a man with a great faith in God. Later he came to our work at Jackson, and in a single Wednesday evening service a revival spirit was evidenced. Still more, I was strengthened in faith in a great God who hears,—and answers prayer.

Later, I found the same man standnig before the same group saying, "Brethren, the other day I was \$150 short on expenses. I did not know which way to turn, save one. I had given away all my money. Only the home was left. For my wife's sake, I felt it should not be mortgaged. I talked with God about it. A telephone call came from a woman whose husband had been a prominent political leader, asking me to come to her home. I went. She said, 'As you know, my husband died suddenly in Washington. He had \$150 in his pockets in cash. I do not wish to use this, but I desire to give it to a good and worthy cause. I believe he would want you to have it to help poor boys and girls. Will you take it and use it?'"

Again, \$150 lacking for the cause God loved. Prayer. A great God. A woman offers \$150 for the cause. Do you believe in the God who is able to do something about things?

Spiritually, let us breathe deeply, as we read anew the story of the fall of Jericho. Elijah's victory on the mountain, the success of Jonah in Nineveh, the acts of Jesus in the Gospels and the acts of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts.

While some Southern Baptists carry on nobly, other Southern Baptists "stagger around" under a Foreign Mission debt that only amounts to about 6c per capita, a Home Mission debt of about 10c each, etc.

While some Mississippi Baptists march under the banner of opportunity as real heroes and heroines of the faith, other Mississippi Baptists faint, and fall back because of indebtedness that amounts to less than \$3 each! Yet, there is our great God with outstretched hands saying, "Follow Me! Count on Me! Trust Me! Go forward with Me!"

Upon assuming the duties of the office of mission secretary on February 1 this year, I found that Mississippi Baptists in 1939 have Christian education obligations coming due in the amount

of \$64,000 as against \$49,000 receipts in 1938. Enough to stagger one without God. But with our great God, it is easy, though challenging! It is a matter of enlistment and participation.

How will we raise this \$64,000—an increase of \$15,000 over 1938? By prayer on the part of a great people to their great God! Men cannot pray and then do nothing about it. They merely repeat words!

As we pray, we will be used in leading people to Jesus as Savior. As we pray we will help in the spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. As we pray we will give first emphasis to the Cooperative Program—the greatest mission financial channel of the earth this day. Our receipts are ahead of the same period (in March) of last year. They must be kept there if His work is to prosper among us.

As we pray we will participate in the Five Thousand Club to keep Christian institutions alive and afire for Christ Jesus. We will be delighted to send you a package of the envelopes of the Five Thousand Club, one with the name of each month on it, which will help you to keep up with the payments. Where can one place an extra dollar each month that will yield better results?

Do you dare join us in prayer to our great God that all of us, even some we do not know about, but whom God knows about, will come to the help of the Lord in this matter, even that there will be "too much" for His glory?

I Cor. 13; John 19; Judges 5:23; I Chron. 29; Exodus 25; Exodus 36; and II Cor. 8 and 9.

(One Five Thousand Club membership means 3c a day, \$1 a month, \$12 a year, preferably paid through your church—His church, blood-bought, (Acts 20:28) or sent to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.)

"Our God Marches On!" March with Him!

### III

Your secretary's schedule is as follows: Week of Sunday, March 19, Mississippi City, with Pastor W. A. McComb, both hours; Monday, Southeast Evangelistic Conference, Hattiesburg, also Tuesday; Monday evening, Jackson County Associational meeting, Pastor J. F. Sullivan, Ocean Springs; Tuesday evening, adult banquet, Calvary Baptist Church, Pastor H. M. King, Jackson; Wednesday evening, Zion Association, Eupora, Pastor J. B. Middleton, Eupora; Thursday evening, Pearl River Association, Pastor A. K. Corder, Picayune; Wednesday evening, Greene County meeting, Leakesville, Pastor W. E. Stewart; week of Sunday, March 26, First Baptist Church, Jackson, 11:00 a. m., Pastor W. A. Hewitt, Pearl Valley Church, 2:30 p. m.; Monday, Tuesday, Southwest Evangelistic Conference, Brookhaven, Pastor F. H. Jones, Monday evening, Lawrence County meeting, Silver Creek, Pastor C. O. Daniels; Wednesday evening, LeFlore County meeting, Greenwood, Pastor Caswell; week of April 2, revival, Carroll County, Carrollton, Pastor E. C. Farr; Tuesday, Wednesday, Mississippi W. M. U. meeting, Clarksdale, Pastor N. D. Timmerman.

### IV

Last Thursday evening brought joy immeasurable to your secretary. His young son "Scotchie Boy" age 9 the fifth of May, next, made a profession of faith in Lord Jesus. He had been interested for some time but we had not urged him to go too fast but we let him know of our interest. He became rather insistent about the matter and the Lord and the folks at Philadelphia brought it around for me to preach and on the invitation he happily responded along with Prof. Whitwell, a fine teacher in the school there. I thank the Lord sincerely! He has answered another prayer! Doxology! And "O Happy Day!" In the same service word came Riley Mundy, one of our fine young men at Mississippi College, had dedicated his life in special service with leanings in the direction of the ministry. Thus the revival moves on in many directions. "Our God Marches On!"

### SOUTHEAST MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, March 20, 21

### Monday Morning

Rev. D. A. Hogan, presiding.  
Rev. W. W. Grafton, conference music director.  
10:00—Devotion, Rev. James Thorn.  
10:20—How Evangelism Will Affect Our Churches, Dr. L. G. Gates.  
10:50—How Evangelism Will Affect Our Pocketbooks, Rev. L. E. Green.  
11:20—Special Feature.  
11:40-12:15—Sermon, Rev. Otis Perry.

### Monday Afternoon

Rev. T. W. Talkington, presiding.  
1:30—Devotion, Rev. J. F. Brock.  
1:50—How Evangelism Will Affect Our Mission Program, Rev. D. A. McCall.  
2:20—How Evangelism Will Affect Our Preachers, Rev. W. W. Kyzar.  
2:50-3:30—Address, Rev. A. C. Parker.

### Monday Night

Rev. J. A. Barnhill, presiding.  
7:00—Music, Woman's College Girls.  
7:30—Sermon, Rev. S. P. Powell.  
8:00-9:00 — Organization, Demonstration of Brotherhood—Laurel Brotherhood.

### Tuesday Morning

Rev. E. S. Flynt, presiding.  
9:00—Devotion, Rev. W. L. Day.  
9:20—How Evangelism Will Affect Our Empty Churches, Mr. Chester Swor.  
9:50—How Evangelism Will Affect Christian Schools—Miss Ora Lee Wells.  
10:20—Re-enforcing the Pastor's Evangelistic Efforts Through Local Church Organizations, Mr. E. C. Williams.  
10:50—Re-enforcing the Pastor's Evangelistic Efforts Through the Printed Page, Rev. A. L. Goodrich.  
11:20—Special Feature.  
11:40-12:15—Address, Rev. W. L. Meadows.

### Tuesday Afternoon

Rev. Roy Brigrance, presiding.  
1:30—Devotion, Rev. W. S. Allen.  
1:50—Re-enforcing the Pastor's Evangelistic Efforts Through the Home, Rev. D. A. McCall.  
2:20—Evangelizing Through Social Contacts—Miss Katherine Miley.  
2:40—Sermon, Rev. F. K. Horton.  
3:15—Final Adjournment.

Each one will bring sheets, pillow, cover and toilet articles. Rooms free. Meals in Woman's College dining hall—25c each.

For additional information write: G. C. Hodge, Biloxi, committee chairman, W. A. Green, Waynesboro, W. L. Day, Collins, G. O. Parker, Magee, J. H. Street, Laurel, M. P. L. Love, Hattiesburg, W. E. Holcomb, Hattiesburg.

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Pastor J. B. Ray says the church at Paynes in Tallahatchie County had last Sunday the largest Sunday school attendance in its history. The people have plans for a \$3,000 brick veneer new church building to be erected next fall. Prof. Ramsey is now superintendent of the Sunday school. The material of the old church building will be used in the erection of a parsonage. This church recently went from fourth time to half time preaching service.

This from The Baptist Standard. If a man cannot see that a denominational college or university, in this age, will die unless it is endowed he cannot see anything. A bat has good vision compared with his. It is time for Baptists to wake up to this condition. It stands out before the vision like Pike's Peak. We have come upon a time when it is either endowment or death for our denominational schools. To the degree that we doubt this they are in jeopardy. They are in no danger at all if our people will take hold of the matter at once and attend to it; but delay increases danger. There is no need of going into a panic, but there is need of going to work. A farmer knows that unless he raises something to eat his family will starve. He does not go into a panic; he goes to work. This is precisely what Baptist pastors ought to do about our institutions. Day by day, with firm, continuous purpose they ought to work at this vital matter.



# EDITORIALS

## IS PENTECOST FOR US?

Somehow whenever Christians earnestly seek better preparation for Christian life and service, their thoughts turn to the account of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. And the question recurs, was Pentecost intended as the normal Christian life? Was this experience which came to the early disciples intended as the norm by which our Christian lives are to be measured? The question may be answered in one of two ways, by the actual experience of the average Christian, or by what is said in the Bible.

The answer given by the actual experience of those who claim to be disciples of Jesus is discouraging. We do not see in the ordinary church member today what corresponds to the experience of the disciples on the day of Pentecost. And the results of our Christian testimony do not measure up to the work of those on whom the Holy Spirit came. On the other hand if we take what is taught us in the Bible, there seems no escape from the conviction that the Lord meant for us to live the Christian life and give the Christian witness in the same way and in the same power that was vouchsafed to the people who gathered in the apostolic group after the resurrection of Jesus. If our experience points one way and the Bible teaching another, there would seem to be but one course for the Christian. "Let God be true, and every man a liar."

Here are some of the scriptures which point the way for our faith. When John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness, he said, "I baptized you in water; but he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit." This was not his message to a select group, but his word to all who heard him. One of the last words of Jesus before his ascension was to refer to this message of John by saying, "John indeed baptized in water; but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days hence." There can be no question that he was speaking of what befell them at Pentecost.

Also the quotation from Joel which Peter used at Pentecost bears out the idea that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was not intended for any limited number, nor any one period or age, but for all who acknowledged the lordship of Jesus. These are his words, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour forth my spirit upon all flesh." And then he mentions every class or group; sons, daughters, young men, old men, servants, handmaids. And then a little later in the same sermon he says, "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you is the promise, and to your children (descendants), and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him."

And you will recall what Peter said when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the people assembled in the House of Cornelius the Centurion at Caesarea, "These who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we." And in defending himself before the church at Jerusalem, Peter said, "The Holy Spirit fell on them even as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, John indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit." In another sermon, Peter said, "The Lord gave the Holy Spirit to as many as obeyed him."

The early disciples were helpless and absolutely powerless to convict men of sin or bring them to faith in Christ unless the Holy Spirit should come upon them. Jesus told them not to try it. "Tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." It is still true, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts." When Stephen preached, "They were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake."

Dr. S. E. Tull of Hazlehurst is in a two weeks' evangelistic meeting in First Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

## PUMP PRIMING RELIGION

Pump priming is always supposed to be a temporary and unsatisfactory expedient, whether it is done to get water, or to start business to going, or to make a sermon, or to make a Christian life. We have heard much of it in recent years as applied to business, with results that are rather disappointing. And whether it is in business or religion it indicates an unhealthy condition. It is never desirable, though it may sometimes be necessary as a makeshift.

Our interest in the matter is in its application to religious conditions. When a preacher runs short of sermon material or inspiration, he sometimes casts about to see what will set his mind to working and his spirit flowing. The book sellers come to his aid with "sermon notes," and with homiletical commentaries, and outlines, or even with a book of sermons by somebody who is supposed to know something about preaching. So he resorts to this method of pump priming in the hope that he can get something ready for the next Sunday.

Many years ago we lived in the section of the state where a pipe was driven down in the ground until it touched a layer of water, and at the top of the pipe a pump with a valve and a handle were attached. It was often quite necessary to prime this pump, and even then the water was generally rather stale or tasted of the iron pipe in which it stood. Then came the era of artesian wells. These were made by going down deep enough to strike a stream which was seeking an outlet to the surface, and when it was tapped the water came flowing out abundantly and as pure as the sunlight.

That is what a genuine case of religion will do for the preacher and for every member of the church. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me, from within him shall flow rivers of living water." Spiritual life is not a thing that you can borrow from somebody else. Jesus said, "He that hath the Son hath the life." "He that heareth these words of mine and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life." And John said he saw "a river of water of life flowing out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." And Jesus said, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink of his blood, ye have no life in yourselves."

The help that you get from other people, whether through books or conferences or what not is only secondhand, it is priming the pump; when you may have the fountain of life within you. "He that drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up into eternal life." Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and The Life."

## THE MOUTH OF THREE WITNESSES

These testimonies, three of them, came to us in one day. The first one was from one of the prominent physicians in Jackson. He has been for thirty years a leader in his profession. He was distressed as he spoke with great earnestness. His words were not provoked by anything which we had said but were entirely voluntary. He said in effect that we will soon be where old people are scarce. And the reason is that smoking, particularly the smoking of cigarettes, is shortening the span of life. Already the effects are in evidence and the mischief is just well started. He said that seventy-five percent of the men are smoking, and twenty-five percent of the women, making an average of fifty percent.

Just parenthetically when we mentioned this to a lady, she expressed the belief that fifty percent of the women are smoking. We certainly hope this is not so. But the physician went on to explain how the inhaling of tobacco smoke is upsetting the functioning of some of the vital organs, reducing the resistance of smokers, and making them early victims of fatal diseases. He was distressed about it, and wondering where the thing would end, or how it would be possible to awaken people to the peril of smoking. He said many doctors minimize the evil effects of

smoking, because to acknowledge it condemns their own practice.

Another witness: A young lady had come out of a beauty parlor, with the lady who had served her. They started driving together in an automobile down the street. The beauty parlor operator offered her friend a cigarette. It was declined with the remark, "I do not smoke." "Then," said her friend, as she lighted her cigarette, "I certainly hope you never will. Take my advice and never let the habit get you." She said that she began smoking at bridge parties where other ladies smoked. She didn't wish to be different, and it helped to while away the time, being a substitute for conversation. She didn't really care for it at first, but it grew on her, and now she smokes a package of cigarettes a day. She is exceedingly nervous, and her willpower has been weakened until she is unable to break away from it. She said, "I would give anything if I could quit it, or if I had never started it."

The third testimony in the same day came from a lady who had been a guest in a resort hotel for a few days. There she met a lady with her husband who had been reared in Kentucky, but had lived in widely separated parts of the world. She had learned to smoke and had become a helpless addict to smoking. When a college girl came in to visit her at the hotel she offered her a cigarette. It was declined with the remark, "No, thank you; I do not smoke." To which the older lady replied, "I am glad to hear you say that. I hope you never will. I began to smoke because I thought it was smart. Now I know it is not. My grandmother would not only turn over in her grave; she would get right out of it, if she knew I smoked. She was a lady of the old school. When I began smoking, I did not like tobacco, but I thought it smart to smoke. I would give anything if I could quit it, but I simply cannot do it. I hope you never smoke. I am helpless in its grip."

What is going to help a world that has lost its standards of conduct? I know of only one thing: such a revival of religion as will put a keen edge on people's consciences, that will enable them to distinguish the things that differ and approve the things that are excellent. We need a revival that will put a diamond edge on conscience, that will give it moral convictions, strong enough to overcome all human weakness and discerning enough to detect the things in morals and in human conduct which escape the dull eyes of ordinary people; that will make men know that they owe it to God and their fellowmen to be at their topmost best as examples to men and servants of God. God speed the day, the hour and the work of His Spirit.

## A NOTABLE BOOK

"George W. Truett, a Biography by P. W. James." There will be many who like this reviewer, when they lay the book down, having finished its reading, will say, "That is the most stimulating book I have read in a long time." Biography is always the most instructive literature. And the biography of a good man is the most helpful. The biographer, Dr. P. W. James has had the finest opportunity to acquaint himself with the man of whom he writes, and has lived in an atmosphere which enables him to write most sympathetically. The materials for such a biography are rich and varied. They have been selected with good judgment and used with excellent taste. Dr. Truett is one of the best known preachers Southern Baptists have ever had, and none has been more widely or genuinely loved. Many have waited for this book and will be amply rewarded for doing so. Already the second edition is on the press before the reviewers have had a chance to read it.

Dr. Truett's life from a modest home in the mountains of North Carolina to the pastorate of one of the greatest churches, and the presidency of the Southern Convention and the Baptist World Alliance has given him such variety of experiences, and they have so wrought in him, that he is everybody's preacher and friend. There are millions of people who if given the choice of

hearing their friends go to heaven.

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All these experiences are so wrought into this book as to make it of incalculable value to all Christian people. He has preached clear around the world and from Canada to Argentina. The Lord has used him to save and comfort multitudes of souls. What a life to live. What a record to read. As he has served the Lord and honored him in his ministry, so will the story of his life and work enlarge and perpetuate this ministry. The book is full of appeal, of challenge, of pathos, of inspiration. We are glad that Dr. Truett's work is not finished, but the story of his life up to date will help many who are trying to serve the Lord and their fellowmen. We are hoping that many who have not heard his voice will take advantage of the opportunity to profit by his life in the reading of this book. It is published by the Broadman Press. Price \$2.50. The Baptist Book Store is selling them fast.

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Mrs. R. E. Chambers spent her year of furlough at the University of Michigan where she received the Master of Arts degree. She now returns to her missionary work in Shanghai. She has written a biography of her husband with the title "Builder of Dreams," which will appear about April 1.

Are you interested in saving overhead expense in our denominational work? Have you studied out the best way to do it? Are you willing to study the thing through? This is a problem of all big enterprises, how to reduce the overhead. It doesn't look good to see one man with a pick and shovel working and another man standing by to boss him. Everybody ought to work, and his work ought to be productive of the biggest and best results. And now we are thinking of the 5,000 Club, which has reduced the indebtedness of Mississippi Baptists and will wipe out the indebtedness if it is adopted by all our people. The Convention Board has been in a quandary about employing somebody to promote the 5,000 Club work. Are you in favor of it? If you are not in favor of employing a special agent for this work, then by all means organize a club and go into it with all you can get to join and send in from each member one dollar a month to pay off the debt. The best way in the world to reduce or prevent overhead expense is to do the work without having somebody after you or over you. The only reason any overhead is needed is that people will not do the work without it. And it has been demonstrated that it can be done if there is somebody who is constantly stirring up our sincere minds by way of remembrance. But of course some people don't want their minds stirred up.

The death of Prof. P. H. Eager at Clinton on the twelfth, Sunday morning, removes from us one of the Baptist landmarks of Mississippi. He was born in Mississippi eighty-seven years ago, the son of Rev. E. C. Eager. His mother was of the prominent Ide family. The father and mother came early from Vermont to Mississippi, and helped to build the cause of Christ in the pioneer days. Prof. Eager was one of a large family of sons and two daughters. None of the sons is living. The daughters are Mrs. I. P. Trotter and Mrs. J. M. Joiner. He grew up at Clinton, was educated in Mississippi College, was president of Brownsville Female College in Tennessee and of Baylor College in Texas. He was for most of his active life teacher of English in Mississippi College. We have not known a truer, whiter soul nor a more loyal friend and faithful servant of the Master. The editor was his pastor for twelve years. He was a faithful deacon in the church and a teacher in the Sunday school. Like Nathaniel he was an Israelite indeed in whom was no guile. He lived a full life on earth and is now rich in his heavenly inheritance. The funeral was conducted in the home, participated in by the editor and Pastor J. W. Middleton. Surviving him are Mrs. P. H. Eager, P. H. Eager, Jr., Mrs. C. D. Johnson, Miss Annie L. Eager, A. W. Eager, and a number of grandchildren. To them is left the heritage of a beautiful Christian life. His brothers were Drs. George B., John H. and Ben Eager.

Dr. J. H. Griffin of Winter Haven, Fla., has been elected as state secretary of the Florida Baptist Brotherhood, succeeding Mr. Hugh Latimer.

They are expecting a full house in the municipal auditorium in Memphis to hear the negress sing, who was refused the use of Constitutional Hall in Washington.

Northern Baptists are holding five regional conferences on world-wide evangelism: In New York, March 14; Boston 15th, Chicago 21st, Omaha 22, and San Francisco 27.

Copiah Association will hold an evangelistic conference at Hazlehurst March 21. Committee on program: G. P. White, T. W. Green and A. B. Pierce.

Dr. T. D. Brown of Louisville, Ky., who was reared in Canton and graduated from Mississippi College will assist Pastor C. Z. Holland in a meeting in First Church, Canton, beginning August 13.

Rev. H. T. McLaurin preached at First Church, Canton, and brought one of the most challenging evangelistic messages I have heard. Brethren in need of a supply can do no better than have this good man with their people.—C. Z. Holland, Pastor.

Pastor J. S. Riser, Jr., begins a meeting at Blue Mountain Thursday of this week, assisted by Dr. J. W. Middleton of Clinton. Much interest of our people centers in Blue Mountain, and many will remember this meeting in their prayers.

In the simultaneous evangelistic campaign which begins in all the New Orleans Baptist churches, Pastor L. B. Campbell will have evangelistic singer Rev. Joe Canzoneri with him at Gentilly church.

Evangelist T. T. Martin sends in this list of alumni of Mississippi College who are past the three score mark, some of them past the four score: Prof. P. H. Eager, deceased since the list was sent, W. T. Lowrey, B. G. Lowrey, J. G. Chastain, J. S. Threekeld, B. D. Gray, T. F. Martin. There are probably a number of others you can recall.

Pastor T. J. DeLaughter preaches to all the Baptist churches in Wilkinson County, except at Centerville where Dr. J. F. Tull is the excellent bishop. It is a great mission field and a great opportunity. Pastor DeLaughter begins the revival meeting at Woodville on March 27, assisted by former pastor F. K. Horton, now of Columbia. At Woodville the pastor has just completed two good study courses; one for the Sunday school, the other for all departments of the B. T. U. The pastor taught the Sunday school course and in the B. T. U. The others were taught by Miss Madeline Chandler and Mr. S. J. Randall.

At State Teachers College in Hattiesburg recently the B. S. U. Council elected Miss Billy Evans and Mr. Emmett Sims as co-directors of the B. T. U. for the remainder of this session and for 1939-40. They are members of the junior class and have been active in B. T. U. work. Miss Hazel Carraway was elected reporter. In the meeting for election of officers Lloyd Kite presided; Miss Maud Thetford led the song service and Miss Edith Scott the devotional. Plans were made for enlarging the work on the campus and for Sunday school classes off the campus.

"Under National Prohibition we could travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian to the Mexican border without seeing a billboard or a neon advertising light advertising somebody's liquor establishment or a particular brand of alcoholic drink. During the 13 years of national prohibition not one of the millions of copies of magazines and newspapers which came into the American home, contained a liquor advertisement. Not once during the 13 years was the voice of the radio announcer heard in the privacy of an American fireside proclaiming the alleged merit of some liquor dispensary. If national prohibition had made no greater contribution to the cause of temperance than to banish the advertising of liquors, by that fact alone it made a monumental contribution to the cause of national sobriety."—Senator Morris Sheppard.

On April 9 First Church, Shelby, N. C., will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Zeno Wall. It will be Home Coming and Rally Day, and 1500 are expected in the Sunday school.

Los Angeles is the meeting place of the next Northern Baptist Convention. The pictures being sent out from that city portraying the attractions of the beach are likely to appeal to the wrong crowd.

Dr. C. E. McCartney, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, thinks it is better for young men to go to a college where the Bible is not taught at all than to one where the Bible is taught from a rationalistic and modernistic point of view.

First Baptist Church of Memphis celebrates its centennial with a program April 5-9. The pastor Dr. R. J. Bateman, says that the program of the church has never been more challenging nor the spirit more victorious than now as the church faces the second century.

Without expressing approval or disapproval, Mr. Charles Granville Hamilton, an Episcopal clergyman in Mississippi, reports: "At the Episcopal young people's conference at Clarksdale, Miss., a preparation service for the holy communion was held on the dance floor at the close of a dance."

With next week's issue we begin publishing a series of articles by our circulation manager, Rev. A. L. Goodrich on "Modern Cults." He has made a thorough study of these various tangential religions offshoots. You will find these articles worth reading and preserving.

As doctors we must begin to think of promoting the cause of temperance. How often do we hear, when we are speaking of a certain man. "A very bright man, but he drinks." Of my classmates in college, so far as I know, none of those who drank steadily is now living, and of those who were addicts to even a very mild degree, from the time the addiction became manifest none progressed or maintained his position. One of the greatest surgeons in the world, talking to me, said he had never known a surgeon of the first rank who was in the habit of using alcoholic drinks.—Dr. W. J. Mayo.

There is room and need for a whole book full of sermons on the one word in the New Testament commonly translated exhort, but many times also translated comfort, entreat, encourage, etc. Anybody who will take the pains to follow up the word, parakaleo, will be richly rewarded. That formed a part of the ministry of John the Baptist (Lk. 3:18) and Paul's ministry would have been lacking in effectiveness without it. He went back to all the churches which he established and exhorted or encouraged them. And because he could not go to all of them, he saw to it that others were sent out by the churches to assist in this work of exhortation. Specifically these "messengers of the churches," literally missionaries, or apostles of the churches were sent out to raise money. You may read about it in the eight chapter of Second Corinthians. Our people who send out men today to help raise money are truly apostolic, apostolic not simply in following the example of the apostles, but in sending out apostles to do this kind of work.

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#### CONVERTED ABRUZZESE RETURNS TO WITNESS TO HIS HOMELAND

Richmond, Virginia—(F.M.B.)—An Abruzzese was converted in a mission in America, and when he returned to visit his native land among the Abruzzi mountains, his first concern was to preach the Gospel of glad tidings, the truth that makes men free. He had very little education, but could read the New Testament, which he always carried in his pocket, and read to all who would listen to him. In a short time forty persons became deeply interested, but when the grain crop failed, and the priest announced from the altar that it was due to the presence of a heretic among them, the people were so enraged they sought to kill him. But as time went on, here, too, his daily life won them, and today there is a church, day school and a Bible woman to work in the homes.—A. Mangano.



# Kingdom News From Many Lands

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## A DEDICATION

Richmond, Virginia—(F.M.B.)—The editors of the Foreign Mission Board wish to dedicate to Home Missions their allotted space for this week in all of the Baptist papers of the several states of the Southern Baptist Convention. So interlocked and intertwined is the Master's work entrusted to these two Boards, that no one can separate it nor appraise the results of one without giving credit to the other. Missions is a world word. And the Foreign Mission Board takes the opportunity during this month of special Home Mission's emphasis to express praises unto God for the great secretary, Dr. J. B. Lawrence and his co-workers; to pray the Lord's richest blessings upon them at this season and during the coming year; and to beseech Southern Baptists to give generously that our homeland may become Christian.

—Foreign Mission Board, Editorial Workshop.

## A WORLD-WIDE REVIVAL IMMINENT

Richmond, Virginia—At the recent meeting of the International Missionary Council at Madras, India, there was clear and unmistakable evidence coming from every land where there are Protestant churches, that God, the Holy Spirit, is moving among His people. The reports from 107 different denominations representing seventy-one different countries indicated that there are manifestations of a world-wide revival of spiritual religion among the churches throughout Christendom. The same spirit of expectancy and attitude of optimism now sweeping through the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention is characteristic of the Protestant churches in all lands. It was a memorable and thrilling hour, never to be forgotten when the nations passed in review with reports from the ends of the earth, indicating that God is moving among His people everywhere, and it was clear to one and all that the revival, for which God's people have waited and prayed for so long, is on the way. The churches everywhere are coming back to God with a deep sense of failure and a genuine attitude of humility and repentance for their neglect of the lost.

It was especially gratifying that the so-called churches—the churches from mission lands—were keenly alive to the question of evangelism and that multitudes were coming to Christ through the efforts of native pastors and evangelists. One of the most amazing events of this generation is the mass movements of the "untouchables" of India to Christ and His Gospel. Even more gratifying was the evidence that among the staid, ritualistic churches, there is a growing sense of responsibility for the salvation of the lost multitudes everywhere.

The churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, with their simple church policy, their evangelistic zeal and fervor, together with the unchanging conviction that there is salvation only by the way of the Cross, face a glorious opportunity for the winning of the multitudes, both at home and abroad. We must, therefore, press this organized evangelistic effort out to the last church in the Convention and see to it that every pastor and teacher and denominational worker in the South, joins wholeheartedly with the Home Board and the President of the Convention in promoting this movement for the winning of the lost multitudes in our own land. God is moving among the nations, and His Kingdom is coming everywhere. The old order of greed and callous indifference to the sufferings of the neglected and underprivileged is passing. The heart of sinning and erring humanity is turning to Christ.

God's people are at the floodtide of a world-wide revival. May He help us to cast ourselves into the full sweep of it!

We are glad to learn that the forthcoming session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Oklahoma City, in May, will give renewed emphasis to the organized evangelistic efforts now gaining such splendid momentum among our churches.

The meeting of the Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta, in July, will also afford an opportunity for Baptists to give a world-wide emphasis to the subject of winning the lost in all lands to humble allegiance to Jesus Christ. —Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary Foreign Mission Board.

## NEW BOOK ON AFRICA

Richmond, Virginia—(F.M.B.)—Since returning from his missionary journey through Africa, Dr. Maddry has written Day Dawn in Yoruba Land. This book is not only brimfull of information, but also interspersed with delightful human interest stories from Dr. Maddry's own experience. It is a book destined to be a favorite that will live forever. Day Dawn in Yoruba Land will be ready in May.

## CALITRI CHURCH RESULTS FROM HOME MISSIONS

Richmond, Virginia—(F.M.B.)—Dr. Antonio Mangano of Colgate University writes that "soon after evangelical churches commenced work among Italians in America, the effects were seen in Italy. The first missionary pastors were converts who came from Italy, but by their labors America soon began to repay Italy. Here and there an Italian converted in America returned to Italy, and did not hide his light under a bushel, but faithfully proclaimed his new-found faith in Jesus as his Saviour. Sometimes these humble messengers were ostracized by their families and friends, persecuted until they returned to America. In other places their town-people listened first with curiosity to the American religion, and later with such interest that many were converted. A peasant of Calitri was converted at the Baptist mission in Hartford, Conn., and became an earnest Christian. When he returned to his family in the little hill-town of southern Italy, he labored tirelessly to bring his townsmen to Christ, with the result that a church was formed with a membership of half a hundred which has since grown to several hundred."

## ALBANELLA CHURCH IS CHILD OF AMERICAN HOME MISSIONS

Richmond, Virginia—(F.M.B.)—One of the members of a Methodist Italian Church in New York went back to see his relatives in Albanella, south of Naples, and eagerly told them of his new friend Jesus. The priest tried to set the people against him to stone him as a heretic, but he was not daunted. Although he could only read the New Testament with difficulty he gathered his friends in his own room and taught them all he knew about the Son of God. In the course of a year, twenty-five had been well established in the fundamentals of the Gospel. This simple but effective preacher felt his own insufficiency to give his friends further light, so he asked a missionary from Naples to visit his group of believers. During the following year this group so increased in numbers that the district superintendent at Naples sent his own son to minister to the congregation, brought together by a zealous peasant. The Roman Church viewed with alarm the growth of this church, and a prominent theologian, and later, the bishop of the diocese

visited the town to stem the tide. They threatened and warned the people against the "diabolical heretical propaganda," but the earnest, upright life of the converted Italian from America had not been unnoticed. The new pastor could find no hall large enough to hold all the people who flocked to his services, so he asked the authorities for the use of the public square. The whole town turned out to hear him. After another year's work, a church with 300 members was organized, a school was established, and today Albanella is rejoicing in the liberty of the light which is in Jesus Christ. All this was made possible by the conversion of a humble day laborer in an American Mission.—Antonio Mangano.

## WITNESSING WHILE FISHING CHANGES THE DESTINY OF A NATION

Richmond, Virginia—(F.M.B.)—A little more than fifty years ago General Julian S. Carr was spending his vacation down on our Carolina coast, fishing and having a jolly good time, when he met a Chinese orphan lad, industrious, intelligent, polite, and kind, but far from home, without money and without friends. The boy attracted the general who talked with him often during those fishing days. So when General Carr started back home, he invited young Soong to come with him for a visit, and he called him Charlie, because the general could pronounce Charlie easier than he could the Chinese name.

In General Carr's spacious southern mansion, Charlie Soong found genuine Christian hospitality, and this kindness touched his young heart so deeply that he became very devoted to the general, who liked Charlie's good manners, gratitude and intelligence. He proposed to send Charlie Soong to school, and the Chinese boy was so happy over such an unexpected opportunity that he made excellent grades and a splendid reputation in every school, until he finally graduated from the best universities of America.

When he completed his education, he returned to China as a devout, Christian minister to his own people. Besides preaching, he invested in mercantile interests which made him soon become very wealthy, and enabled him to send all of his children back to America to go to school.

In 1919 General Carr went to China. The President of China was Sun Yat Sen, who had married Charlie Soong's oldest daughter, Ching-Ling. And they entertained General Carr in their home.

It was a great joy to the old general to see some of the results of the generosity of his younger days.

Later Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek married Mei-Ling Soong, the youngest daughter of Charlie Soong, who is a graduate of Wellesley and who is a Christian like her father. Through her prayers and guidance, her husband, the President of China, quietly accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour, too, and without telling anyone but his family, he went down to Shanghai and without any announcement or noise, slipped into the Methodist church, professed his faith, and presented himself for baptism and church membership. Then he went down to his native village, Kikow, and it is said that he went back there to his home folk to explain what he had done and to try to lead them to Christ, also.

During these terrible days of war in China, the Generalissimo's slogan for China is: CHINA FOR CHRIST.—From "Around The World In The Southland, Coleman—25c.

Prof. Chester Swor of Mississippi College will conduct a Youth's Revival in Emanuel Church, Alexandria, La.

Audit of the for 1938 revealed \$161,080.89, according to the Committee made on March 2.

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# News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

HOME MISSION BOARD

J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary

JOE BURTON, Publicity Secretary

## BOARD'S AUDIT SHOWS \$161,080.89 DEBT PAYMENT

Audit of the Home Mission Board's receipts for 1938 revealed a total payment on debts of \$161,080.89, according to the report of the Audit Committee made at the meeting of the Board on March 2.

This total debt reduction represented the retirement of \$87,000.00 in bonds, the balance of \$74,080.89 having been applied on notes. One Hundred Thousand Club receipts provided \$52,000.00 of the total debt payment of the Board in 1938, according to the committee. The Cooperative Program funds supplied the balance.

In commenting upon his review of the accounts, the auditor said, "An excellent accounting system is in use and the accounts have been accurately maintained. All recorded cash receipts were traced into banks, and funds received from the executive committee in Nashville were verified by direct communications. Upon examination of invoices, expense vouchers and resolutions in Board meetings, we are satisfied as to the correctness of the disbursements."

One new missionary was appointed at the recent meeting, Rev. Y. T. Shehane, for work among the Cubans in Key West, Fla.

Total receipts of the Board in February, according to Dr. J. B. Lawrence's report, amounted to \$26,326.67, of which \$17,409.93 came from the Cooperative Program; \$4,298.34 from the Hundred Thousand Club; and \$4,358.36 from special designations.

## THE WORD ACCOMPLISHES ITS PURPOSE

Several Sundays ago a boy of about eleven came alone to the Rachel Sims Memorial Mission Sunday School in New Orleans.

The following week Miss Gladys Keith, missionary of the Home Mission Board in charge of the mission, went to see the boy in his home and found that his adopted mother and father, who received her graciously, wanted to be baptized.

"This was most unusual," Miss Keith comments.

The parents were invited to services and they came and joined the church.

"We noticed how easily the boy handled the Bible," she continues. "It was very little trouble for him to find references."

After waiting about three weeks the parents and the boy were baptized.

"The night they were baptized," Miss Keith says, "the boy showed us a worn New Testament. On looking inside we found that it has been given to him by a Baptist here in the city whom we know."

"It encouraged us, for we have been giving out much literature on the streets and now we know that some of it will be used."

## THREE INDIAN STUDENTS BAPTIZED IN BELOW-ZERO WEATHER

By Pauline Cammack

Missionary to the Indians in New Mexico

On the coldest night of the year, following a heavy snow that had just fallen on top of several previous snows, and with the thermometer hovering around nine degrees below zero, three Indian students were baptized at the First Baptist Church, Santa Fe. These students were from three different tribes—Isleta, Navajo, and Cherokee.

Few of the sixty students who came out on this cold night to be present at this service had ever witnessed a Bible baptizing before. The pastor in his sermon on the true meaning of baptism, mentioned the need of "much water." After the service, many of the students came up to the baptistry to see this for themselves.

Later on as a mother, who had come seventy-five miles to be present on this occasion, was telling her people about this service, she said, "It made me very happy to see my son baptized."

## ENCOURAGING PROGRESS REPORTED ON MOUNTAIN FIELD

Continued progress is reported on the Sandy Hook field by Missionary Bert C. Caldwell of Kentucky.

"The Lord has given us the joy of reaching three more souls this month," states brother Caldwell. "They are waiting baptism, and we feel that there may be others yet to come even tomorrow. Our crowds are still coming and we are having new people at almost every service. Many people are asking prayers for their lost souls."

Brother Caldwell states that prayer meeting services have been drawing large crowds and the Sunday school attendance is gradually increasing.

"It seems that the Lord is showing this people just what His church can do," concludes the missionary.

## BLACK OR YELLOW, RED OR WHITE

By Harry A. Day

Missionary to the Italians

Recently, while attending a state-wide two days' clinic, directed by the Sunday School Board, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell made the statement that we should put into practice the personal evangelism we were discussing.

The next morning, upon returning to our room for our bags, we found a Negro girl of 18 years, putting the finishing touches on tidying up our room. When I asked if she were not a Baptist, she replied that she was a "sinner seeking the Holy Spirit." Within ten minutes, my roommate and I were kneeling down in that room praying for that Negro girl. She got upon her knees, confessing Christ as her Saviour, and promised to go to her church that night and tell her experience, following in baptism.

## BRIDGING THE GULF

A. D. Muse, Evangelist

The next is the radio as the great bridging of the gulf between the churches and the great masses. Two years ago I was in a meeting in a town and one Sunday afternoon a man came running to the place where the pastor and I were eating dinner and wanted us to go quickly to see a man that was as he said "Crazy over his sins." We went clear across town. A young man was over in the corner between the bed and the wall, on his knees with his face down in his hands and his hands down on the floor weeping and had been all the morning until then. Had one of those little children of his, or that young and pretty little wife of his been dead he could not have been in so great paroxysm of grief! He was struck by conviction that morning at six-thirty as he heard a sermon over the radio that he was fussing at his wife because she would not turn it off and turn on some jazz. I will never see a greater case of genuine old time literally heart breaking conviction over sin.

Every Baptist preacher ought to listen to the broadcasts of Jud Rutherford and then investigate the great number of people in his community who listen to him religiously and then you will not be surprised at the vast number of people who do not go to church. I have made some investigations there that reveal alarming facts!

In my Mid-South Radio Revival here, the week I preached every morning on the Virgin Birth there were nine Jews who listened over one radio and there were five who listened over another.

Over in Arkansas two women sitting at the radio listening to those services were seized with conviction. Trying to find someone to help them they found two neighbor women in the same condition. The four sent to town to get a preacher to come help them. The first convert

reported to me was a woman that had been living a life of sin here for ten years and had not been inside a church for the ten years she had been in Memphis.

The third and last span in this bridge is the old-time colporteur missionary. I make this statement, any preacher can take the Moody Colportage books—(I wish our Baptist Board put out the same sized and price for that purpose) and can make a good living selling them. In 1903 brother W. B. Holcomb, father of all the Holcomb preachers, was holding a meeting at old Harrisville in Simpson County. It was then I made a public profession of faith. It was that time I actually saw my first book of sermons. Old brother J. D. Jamerson came there selling Moody Colportage books. He was selling eight books for a dollar. My father bought eight of them. I literally wore those books out—I mean just that—reading them. One was "All of Grace" by Spurgeon. No wonder Grace has been my weakness! One was "Weighed and Wanting," Moody. I got once and for all time and eternity a clear and fixed conception of the utter helplessness of man and all sufficiency of the death of Christ in those two books.

The years went on and I got to be a preacher and every time I ever had the opportunity I gave brother Jamerson a lift in his work. He told me one time that I had done more to help him in that work than any preacher he had ever touched or known. I told him the story.

When I was in college, when school was out I went to holding meetings. If I did not have one I went out and hunted up one. God called men to preach, not the churches. Old Harrisville church liberated me to "Exercise His gifts in public" in 1906. Later old Briar Hill church ordained me to the "Full work of the ministry." My business is to preach! Well, one day I was going down in Franklin county clear back in those awful hills—had to go from Bude way out in a wagon—no other way to have made it. I met up with brother Jamerson in Brookhaven. I took him with me. We sold in that community two hundred of those books in three days. I did similar things many times with brother Jamerson.

In a tent meeting I took five hundred of the Moody Colportage books, put five in a package, went from house to house, picking unreached and non-churched homes and would leave the package tell the lady, "I want you and the children to read these, keep them nice and clean but read them. I will call for them day after tomorrow." The time came, I made the rounds and I did not take up one single package. I collected a dollar at every place. They cost me eleven dollars a hundred. You can count the profit. Eternity alone can tell the good! Three years later I had a letter about those books!

There are five thousand Baptist preachers in the South without work. Any preacher in the world can take a good stock of Colportage books and go into communities, out of the way places, and get a preaching place and go from home to home and sell those books, pray with the people in their homes, talk with them, invite them kindly to services, reach thousands of souls and make a good living. You don't need a board to send you nor guarantee you. Just a warm heart and love!

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell is conducting a united Baptist evangelistic campaign in Miami, Fla., in March.

"Behold my servant. . . I will put my spirit upon him. . . He shall not strive nor cry aloud; neither shall anyone hear his voice in the streets." A man who is filled with the Spirit of God does not have to bawl at the top of his voice. He does not strain his nerves, nor assail the ears of his audience. He is calm with the assurance of the power of God upon him and in his message. We can not make up in physical force what we lack in spiritual power. How we sorely need to hear and take to heart the words of the prophet: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts."



# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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## W. M. U. Convention Clarksdale, April 4-6

You will be electing delegates from your W. M. U. to the State Convention in Clarksdale real soon. The following from the State W. M. U. Constitution tells you the number you are entitled to have.

### Article V

The annual Convention of the B. W. M. U. shall be composed of the officers of the Union, the members of the Executive Board, Association-Superintendents, Young People's Leaders, the President of each W. M. S., and three additional representatives from each society, and one representative from each Y. W. A. and Leaders of G. A.; R. A., and Sunbeam Bands.

Do not forget to send the names of your delegates and visitors to

Mrs. Y. E. Howell,  
 107 Yazoo St.,  
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 342 Route Cohen, Apt. 17.  
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 January 29, 1939.

Dear Friends:

Probably you have read a great deal about the migration to West China; some teachers and students did go to the West as East China became conquered territory. However, most of the people did not migrate, and many who moved out during the time of actual fighting have naturally come back to the place that means home to them. It is great to realize the new opportunities of West China as education, culture, and Christianity are more rapidly spread; but we must remember the millions of Chinese who are still living in East China and who must continue to live there. In Shanghai we have around four thousand students studying in our Christian universities and middle schools. I wish you could be on Nanking Road some day when most of these students pour out on the street, or that you could be here to try to catch a bus at noon or at 5:00 p. m. We enrolled more students for this semester we closed yesterday than we ever had. There were 625 full-time college students, and some 60 part-time students; we had over 400 in the middle school, and approximately 1300 in the schools of the Social Center. The night school of commerce has been smaller; we've had about 325. I have had 254 students in my college classes. We've had fewer teachers; and you know that we have lacked equipment. Our students have used the laboratories and the library of another Christian university. The four Christian universities have used common laboratories, in shifts.

The Japanese gave permission for the missionary men to go out to the campus in November to bring in what was left. They were escorted; and after working out there for those two or three days they have not been permitted to go back. Some of the valuable science apparatus had been walled up. That had not been discovered. The parts had rusted and the repair bill was very high; but it was good to find some of the equipment. The loss from the science building is tremendous. The library was more encouraging. Many of the books were very moulded; some of them crumbled when they were picked up; but we do have many books. No records were left in the president's office, or the dean's office, or the business office. Most of the homes were in very bad condition; the windows were out and

there were holes in the roofs, and the wind with rain had been doing its damage for months. In our house—newly built Virginia Hall—they found a shell hole in the roof; windows out; floors ruining from exposure; part of the woodwork torn out, the bath tubs gone, etc. They did get permission later to have the holes closed and the windows put in. We still have no idea about when we will be permitted to return to the campus.

I want to tell you about a very interesting project I am helping to initiate. From the streets of Shanghai more than 100 boys between the age of 12 and 18 have been placed in a camp in a division of Amoy Road jail. Most every boy is an orphan. All of them lived in the streets for a number of months. They were beggars and did petty thieving. I am sure that you know that for more than a year hundreds of orphan children have lived in the streets. They have formed very bad habits. Everyone has been made conscious of the problem, for the children have proved such a nuisance on the streets. I've passed as many as ten persistent beggars while walking one block and during the time I waited for a bus. We've seen droves of the little urchins stealing from trucks. A radio announcer in speaking of the problem remarked that if anything was done about it that Christian people would have to do it. You realize that opening and maintaining orphanages is not accomplished with merely a great desire to meet a crying need—money and personnel are essential. A very good start has been made toward the solution of the problem. The boys are being taught a trade: they make baskets, weave towels, knit stockings, make shoes, and sew garments for other refugees. They are gradually becoming self-supporting. They are given two hours a day for study in elementary subjects; and the Salvation Army sees that they get Christian teaching. However, they have no physical exercise, and no recreation or entertainment. It was suggested to me that students of the university might be enlisted to go down on Saturday evenings to give them entertainment and recreation—to teach the boys to sing and play. I hope the students will catch a vision of this opportunity and will volunteer to take charge of this phase of the work in that camp for an indefinite length of time. Ten schools for 500 little newsboys have just been started. They need university students as volunteer workers in these schools.

It seems almost ironical that thousands of Jewish refugees are coming from Europe to Shanghai where we still have about 60,000 Chinese war refugees in organized camps. About 2,000 have already arrived and the boats which are coming during the next few months are crowded with Jews fleeing to Shanghai for refuge! I think it is estimated that about seven or eight thousand are booked for Shanghai. Some who are coming are people of skill; but it is rather difficult for them to get established in China now.

The Jews of the city have responded in a special way, and committees have been functioning for several months. Late yesterday afternoon 420 Jewish refugees arrived from Germany and Austria. A few of the Jewish young men have come up to see about the possibility of studying in our university. There are language problems; but they may take some courses. The primary difficulty is that they want science and

science is taught by Chinese professors.

You have seen so much in the newspapers about the closed door in China. I do not know to what extent the economic life of a nation depends on International trade; but it is strange to me that American concerns are allowed to continue to supply Japan with equipment which makes her more and more able to close all doors in China to trade from America. It does seem so shortsighted as a business policy, not to mention the ethics of the question.

The most satisfactory group I have ever had in the study of Christianity is a discussion group which is meeting in my home every Sunday morning. The students of the sophomore class compose the group. They are very genuinely interested in the understanding of the meaning of being a Christian. Two of them, I think, are on the verge of making a decision; and I feel that when they do make the decision it will be one which will include a very definite determination to try to find God's will for their lives and to try to live in that will. They meet early enough for me to get to church after the discussion. Of course I am trying to lead them into the church.

I have a fellowship group of freshmen who meet here on alternate Saturday afternoons. About half of them are Christians. We have been using Watters' Youth Makes the Choice as a basis of our discussions in that group. I think we are having a worthwhile study; but I am not finding the same satisfaction that I find in studying the life and teachings of Jesus with the sophomore group.

I could try to tell you about the street scenes. On the winter evenings when I have walked from the school to the bus after nightfall, I have seen poor people lying down in the doorways and on the sills of those deeply recessed windows in the Bankers' Club. When we arrive at school at 1:30 every afternoon beggars are standing on the side street eating, from tin buckets, the left-overs and scraps from the tea room on the corner. I know that the S. M. C. has sent around every morning to pick up corpses that are found on the streets. But, even though we read in the morning news about matched houses burning and leaving thousands homeless we also read about a new village that will be opened February first for 10,000 refugees. The Shanghai Relief Association, cooperating with other groups and the S. M. C., has built a village in one section of the city. The cottages are neat and clean. The village will have its own school, hospital, shops, etc. They will be taught various trades.

I've had many happy times this year; friends get together often at dinner time. We had a lovely Christmas; we received so many nice things that it did not look like a war-time Christmas. Our amah had a delightful time in giving a surprise Christmas basket to the family in the hut below my windows. She has found out about them; and she is making an effort to make conditions somewhat better for them. We live on a very quiet street. If you came to our apartment tonight you might think that you were in a comfortable apartment in any residential district of any city. It is raining now; but we are shut in with things comfortable and things pretty. To what extent should we shut out the thought of the streets from which we have come?

Juanita Byrd.

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## East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND

### HOPE

Hope is one of the three abiding things—Faith, Hope, Love. I fear we do not preach and appreciate Hope as we should. Paul says we are saved by Hope. Saved here does not mean the same as where it says by Grace are ye saved. Hope saves from defeat, from despair, from surrender. If we had no Hope we would cease to work, so we are saved by Hope.

Some one has said that "Hope is Desire mingled with Expectation." We desire and faith makes us to expect it, hence Hope. Real Hope is begotten of faith in God, of course. The unsaved have no Hope and are without God in the world. How sad! Have faith in God.

Paul speaks of Hope as the anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast. What a beautiful picture. We see the little boat tossed by the waves ready to be dashed to pieces on the rocks. The anchor is lowered and it is made firm to the bottom of the sea. The waves dash on but the little vessel is secure. So our boat of life is tossed with many a wave, but our anchor is fast embedded in the Rock of Ages, within the veil. So we are calm in every storm.

So have faith in God and you will have Hope in all of life's trials and the storms will not molest you. What a comfort Hope is when sorrow, sickness and losses come.

You, hopeless sinner, your storms are on the way, so prepare for them by accepting Christ as Savior, and the Anchor, Hope, will hold securely.

Rev. N. B. Saucier of Elliott, Miss., will supply for the writer at Coffeeville, Scuna Valley and Tiltaloba for a few months while he is recuperating from influenza and complications. Brother Saucier is a splendid young preacher and will render good service.

Brother James M. Nicholson and

some members of his family, of near Eupora, visited me recently. They were friends of mine over in Neshoba county some years ago. They are good Baptists and as faithful as they know how. Blessings on them.

Dr. Clyde L. Breland supplied for the church at Itta Bena the first Sunday in March. He attended his father to San Antonio, Texas, last week. He will be in Coffeeville with his mother for a few days before returning to his home in Richmond, Ky.

Pastor C. H. Ellard gives a good report of the work being done by Pittsboro Baptist Church in his county is pleasing to this writer who was their pastor for nine years.

If you treat God right He will treat you more than right. I'm glad to be able to say that from experience. I have not treated God as I should all the time, but He has not failed me in one point. "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus; Just to take Him at His word."

## LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH

### PARKWAY CHURCH—JACKSON

It was a privilege to supply for Pastor W. A. Bell at Parkway on a recent Sunday evening. It seems that the size of the auditorium is the only limit to the size of the crowd.

An unusual thing about Parkway is that we saw more men than women in the choir. An interesting program was rendered by the Story Hour group as the closing feature of the B. T. U. The B. T. U. secretary reported 17 new members at that service.

Parkway hopes soon to have the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Hinds County subscribers are listed as follows: DAVIS MEMORIAL, 115; CLINTON, 128 and 14 R. F. D.; Calvary, 33; First Church (Jackson), 41; Jackson, 36; Dixon, 2; UTICA, 65; SALEM, 12; Oakley, 1; Raymond, 14; POCAHONTAS, 21; Edwards, 1; Terry, 13; New Hope, 1; New Salem, 5; Learned, 1; VAN WINKLE, 28; BETHESDA, 61; BEULAH, 78; SIWELL, 9.

### GEORGETOWN

Rev. O. O. Haley is the pastor and the work is making progress under his leadership. During his seven months' pastorate 35 have joined the church. There is a fine spirit of loyalty and harmony among the folk.

The Sunday school is doing splendid work with brother Ailias Maxwell in his eleventh year as superintendent. The enrollment has increased from 80 in October to 134 at present.

Miss Ruby Westbrook is director of the recently reorganized B. T. U. The B. A. U. has just finished studying "Our Doctrines."

Mrs. W. F. Spell is president of the W. M. S. which is one of the most active organizations in the church. In addition to the regular programs and contributions to all missionary causes the ladies are,

also doing some splendid work in repairing and beautifying the Pastor's Home.

The church last Sunday voted to sponsor a Boy Scout troop which will be of great value to the fine group of boys in the church.

We had the privilege of explaining the E F Plan and they hope to adopt it at their next business meeting.

Copiah County has Record subscribers as follows: ROCKPORT, 5; SYLVARENA, 41; CRYSTAL SPRINGS, 252; Hazlehurst, 11 and R. F. D.; Zion Hill, 6; Galilee, 1; Georgetown, 5; Strong Hope, 2; Martinsville, 8; PLEASANT HILL, 30; Wesson, 9; SPRING HILL, 50; New Zion, 3; PINE BLUFF, 25; ANTIOCH, 18; CLEAR CREEK, 19.

### RECENT DROPS

Itta Bena, 12; Hollandale, 11; Mt. Vernon Church, Lowndes County, 11; Newhebron, 10; Holly Springs, 9; Florence, 8; 15th Avenue, Meridian and Silver Springs Church, Pike, Columbus and McCool, 77; Scuna Valley and Shannon, 6; Pheba, 6; Coffeeville, 5; Louisville, 5; Purvis and First Church, Natchez, 4; Pittsboro, 3; Slate Springs, 3; and Boyle, Ashland, Biloxi, Hazlehurst, R. F. D., Kosciusko, Learned, McCool, Osyka, R. F. D., Coldwater Church, (Neshoba County), Vicksburg, 2 each.

If these had renewed last week's circulation would have been more than 16,000.

### MORE PROOF OF THE—

"The Brotherhood movement in Jones County—is not only revitalizing the church life in Jones County but is spreading its influence into other sections of the state." Jones County has the largest total Baptist Record circulation of any county in Mississippi.

"Tuscola Church in leake County has gone to half time." Tuscola has the E F Plan.

"Pine Bluff Church, Copiah County, won the associational B. T. U. Banner, bringing 41 families 24 miles." Pine Bluff has the E F Plan.

"Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Talley are members of the Tishomingo Chapel Baptist Church near Kossuth in Alcorn County, and are parents of 14 children. Twelve of the children are regular readers of The Baptist Record. The entire family is very active in Baptist church services each Sunday." It pays to have the Record in the home. It helps make active Baptists.

"Ordained three deacons today: J. L. Wilson, J. H. Heath and W. R. Moore. The Baptist Record is in every home. Collections for January were \$630.48. Collections for January last year were \$499.69. Have had fourteen additions to our church this year." New Albany has the E F Plan and only two other Mississippi churches have a large circulation.

### CRYSTAL SPRINGS CHURCH Walthall County)

Our church has a new and enthusiastic outlook with real interest

and a zeal for doing greater things. We credit this revival spirit to the every family plan for The Baptist Record and greater stewardship for the Master. When every member of our church had an opportunity to become interested in the life of the denomination through The Baptist Record and when every member recognized the importance of his stewardship of money, time, and influence, we were ready to bring about a greater Crystal Springs Baptist church for Christ.

This pastor speaks from experience and is not guessing.

In response to an advertisement a layman of Baltimore sent a check for \$500.00 to the 100,000 Club.

And some say it doesn't pay.

### BALDWIN

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## Sunday School Lesson

PREPARED BY  
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### Lesson for March 19 PETER PREACHES ON PERFECT PRACTICE

I Peter 3:1-22

In this epistle we come into heart touch with a vigorous preacher of the gospel, sending a letter of encouragement to a company of people who are suffering. This preacher writes with unwavering confidence in the willingness and power of God to sustain His people, and the writer is urging those people to be steadfast in the face of persecution.

#### I. Characteristics of Christian Conduct.

1. Harmonious relationships. "Finally be ye all likeminded." Peter is here rather to likeness of sentiment or disposition than of opinion. Paul says, "Be of the same mind one toward another." Rom. 12:16, and this seems to be about the idea Peter has in mind. Christians ought to be of the same mind, for they are members of the same body, and are exhorted by Paul (Phil. 2:5) to have the mind of Christ. We have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and we ought, therefore, to have a family sympathy, and a family likeness in love and good fellowship.

2. Compassionate. "Sympathetic." The words mean to sympathetic, feeling with another as the other feels.

3. Loving. "Loving as brothers." (Montgomery). The sense of brotherhood among Christians distinguishes them in all places and periods. The man who can not accept his fellow Christians as brothers just can not convince the world that he is a Christian.

4. Tenderheartedness. This word "tenderhearted" seems to convey more of the idea of pity.

5. Humility. "Humble-minded." The word has a beautiful meaning, "having a modest opinion of one's self." This virtue is often mentioned in the New Testament, but we rarely hear a preacher discourse upon it. That maybe because there is only a little of it among us preachers.

6. Blessing. "Not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but contrariwise, blessing." Reviling means to reproach, to rail at, to heap abuse upon.

We were called, Peter says, that we might inherit a blessing. God blessed all people, therefore, we should bless.

#### II. The Profitable Path of Righteousness. Vv. 10-12.

1. The prohibition. "Let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." Let who do that? "He that would love life, and see good days." These quoted words are quoted by the apostle from the Psalms. But here they are in the New Testament. We are often told that the Christian religion is a religion for the next world, with no relation, or only a slight relation with this; but when we are so told, we are told falsely. There is no other system of ethics

in the world so pure as Christian ethics. The concerns of this life at its very best, are the concerns of Christianity are the concerns of this life.

2. Good Deeds. "And do good," and again this commandment follows a prohibition, "Let him turn away from evil." But this demands determination, and it is at the point of determination that men are weak. To turn from evil and do good is not, believe me, within the realm of the possible to the natural heart.

3. Peaceseeking. "Let him seek peace and pursue it." To seek the path of peace until it is found, to come to know that it is found only in the will of God, is one thing, but to pursue peace, to strive eagerly for it, both with God and with one's fellows, requires again the power divine which no man possesses or can possess apart from God.

4. The witness of our walk. "The eyes of the Lord. . . the face of the man with a deep conviction that over all of us is an omnipotent God, who takes cognizance of all our acts and thoughts, who listens attentively to the prayers of those who live righteously, and who looks with disfavor upon those who practice evil."

#### III. Patience Under Persecution. Vv. 13-15.

1. The belief which should characterize the Christian in the face of a threat of persecution. There is no law against such conduct as should distinguish the Christian. The spirit-filled man will have his life bear the fruits of the spirit, and these are they: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, log-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, self-control." and Paul says there is no law against such things. Be encouraged then, to go ahead and do them, even in the face of a threat of persecution.

2. The proper attitude to assume and maintain if and when persecutions come. Even if you suffer for the sake of righteousness, you must suffer heroically; because a Christian can not be happy while living in surrender and subjection to the wrong. There is more happiness in suffering for the right and with the right than there is in serving the wrong aside from any molestation. "Sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord." Let me be convinced they have Christ in the heart and that He is leading, and nothing that man can do shall have power to rob the heart of its sense of victory it take from the brow its crown of glory.

3. The assurance of knowledge. "Ready always to give answer." Be prepared to give a reason for the opinions which you hold. Now, he means for you to gain through study of the word of God a knowledge of the truths you hold so clear that you can state them intelligibly to any one of common sense who asks you what you believe and why. "To every man that asketh a reason concerning the hope that is in you." And you make that reason a Biblical reason, better make it a Bible reason, I mean, give your reason in the very language of the Bible.

Suppose an unbeliever asks you what right or reason you have for believing that God has forgiven your sin, or what reason you have for

believing you had any sin, or what reason you had for believing any of the things you as a Christian most certainly believe, what would you, could you tell him? Could you give a sinner a Bible reason for your conviction that he is lost? Could you give him a reason from the Bible for believing that Jesus would save him? Could you tell him in Bible language the basis upon which God will for Christ's sake forgive him?

#### IV. Encouragements Under Persecution. Vv. 16-18.

1. A good conscience. Of ourselves a good conscience is the best reason we have for the lively hope that God will not forsake but will bless us. You may make an apology, but it will have a hollow ring unless it is sounded out of a conscience which has been kept pure by a life lived without planned and practiced evil.

2. The Lord looks on. "It is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well doing than for evil." When you have done and are doing your best for Him, and still you have to suffer, be sure that He shares your suffering, and be sure that it is in the long run better for you to suffer for Him than for you to escape it by proving recreant to Him.

3. The example of Christ. "Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous that He might bring us to God; but put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit." Now, that is a verse difficult of interpretation. Just what does it mean? I do not know all it means, but this I am very sure it does mean: In the hour of persecution for His sake, let us remember that what we undergo of suffering is of the same character as that which He underwent for us, though in an infinitely less degree. He endured and reaped a rich harvest of souls made alive by His suffering. Let us remember that He Himself said that He was sending His into the world just as the Father had sent Him. They, His own, therefore, are to go as He came into the world, in the knowledge that, as death could not keep Him prey, neither can it keep those who serve Him in sincerity.

#### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH Copiah County, Mississippi

The Deer Springs school house was established as Bethel Baptist church, October 2, 1867. Elders R. O. Middleton, Theophilus Green, Alex Murray, and brother H. H. Guynes constituted the presbytery. The charter members were: Brethren T. J. Ramsey, L. B. Ramsey, J. B. Middleton, Benjamin Kramas, W. H. Izard, H. H. Guynes, L. W. Ramsey, R. K. McManus, Samuel Walden, James Ramsey, Willis Farmer, Enoch Farmer, J. D. Middleton, Sisters Rebecca Ramsey, Emma Ramsey, Elizabeth Middleton, I, Elizabeth Middleton, II, Martha Thomas, Emily Izard, Rebecca Guynes, Delila Ramsey, Malinda Ramsey, Lard Ramsey, Elizabeth Ramsey, Sarah Guynes, Mary Jane Morgan, Sophronia Taylor, Maranda Shipp, Martha Farmer and George Ann Middleton.

The church was given the name, Bethel. Brother H. H. Guynes was

elected clerk and Elder Theophilus Green the first pastor.

1867—Theophilus Green—1877  
During his services four deacons were elected: Brethren T. J. Ramsey, Benjamin Thomas, H. H. Guynes and L. H. Tillman. A baptizing pool, dressing room, and church building were erected on land given to the church. All male members were required to contribute a certain amount of money into the treasury annually, usually from one dollar to two dollars and fifty cents. Any one failing to do so was brought before Conference and not granted a letter of dismission if it was requested until the debt was paid. Any person offending the church was excluded unless prompt forgiveness was asked. Brother William Fairchilds was ordained into the ministry. Brother H. H. Guynes served as church clerk.

1878—J. H. Anding—1882  
Hymn books and a communion table were purchased, a book case was built and a spring box erected. Brethren L. B. Ramsey, N. T. Nichols, A. P. Guynes and D. J. Martin served as church clerks.

1883—J. E. Thigpen—1889  
The church sent a delegate to the State Baptist Convention, a stove was purchased, and the building was repaired. J. E. Thigpen was chosen as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to be held at Ft. Worth, Texas. Brethren W. H. Izard, T. J. Ramsey, and N. T. Nichols (Continued on page 11)

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## April

The three world School department entire month of one-day districting the whole of the Sunday Bible school plate, and counting are as follows:

Monday, April Church—Rankin, Leake counties.

Tuesday, April Baptist Church—Jones, and Wayne.

Wednesday, April Church—George counties.

Thursday, April Baptist Church—Hancock counties.

Friday, April Church—Forrest, Lamar, ties.

Monday, April Church—Coburn, Jefferson, ties.

Tuesday, April Comb Baptist Church—Pike, Amite, and Adams, and Franklin.

Wednesday, April Baptist Church—Jefferson, and Sunflower counties.

Thursday, April Church—Holt, Yazoo counties.

Friday, April Church—Bolton, and Sunflower counties.

Monday, April Church—Neshoba, and Lauderdale.

Tuesday, April Church—Attala, and Montgomery.

Wednesday, April Baptist Church—Lowndes.

Thursday, April Church—Washington, and Calhoun.

Friday, April Church—Yalobusha, Quitman counties.

Monday, April Church—Washington, and Isaquena, and Hinds.

Tuesday, April Church—DeSoto, and Panola counties.

Wednesday, April Springs Baptist Church—Lafayette, Benton.

Thursday, April Baptist Church—Go, Prentiss, and Itawamba.

Friday, April Baptist Church—Itawamba, and Itawamba.

In addition workers, more people from the diocese on the program references. We are



Thursday, March 16, 1939

## Sunday School Dept.

E. C. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY  
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## April Conferences

The three workers in the Sunday School department are giving the entire month of April to making 20 one-day district conferences covering the whole state in the interest of the Sunday school and Vacation Bible school program. The date, place, and counties of each district are as follows:

Monday, April 3, Morton Baptist Church—Rankin, Smith, Scott, and Leake counties.

Tuesday, April 4, Heidelberg Baptist Church—Jasper, Clarke, Jones, and Wayne counties.

Wednesday, April 5, McLain Baptist Church—Perry, Greene, and George counties.

Thursday, April 6, Biloxi First Baptist Church—Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock counties.

Friday, April 7, Lumberton Baptist Church—Pearl River, Stone, Forrest, Lamar, and Marion counties.

Monday, April 10, Raymond Baptist Church—Copolah, Hinds, Claiborne, Jefferson, and Warren counties.

Tuesday, April 11, Central McComb Baptist Church—Lincoln, Pike, Amite, Walthall, Wilkinson, Adams, and Franklin counties.

Wednesday, April 12, New Hebron Baptist Church—Simpson, Covington, Jeff Davis, and Lawrence counties.

Thursday, April 13, Goodman Baptist Church—Holmes, Madison, and Yazoo counties.

Friday, April 14, Sunflower Baptist Church—Bolivar, Leflore, Carroll, and Sunflower counties.

Monday, April 17, Union Baptist Church—Neshoba, Kemper, Newton, and Lauderdale counties.

Tuesday, April 18, Weir Baptist Church—Attala, Winston, Choctaw, and Montgomery counties.

Wednesday, April 19, Brooksville Baptist Church—Noxubee, Oktibbeha, and Lowndes counties.

Thursday, April 20, Houston Baptist Church—Webster, Clay, Chickasaw, and Calhoun counties.

Friday, April 21, Sumner Baptist Church—Yalobusha, Grenada, Tallahatchie, Quitman, and Coahoma counties.

Monday, April 24, Hollandale Baptist Church—Washington, Sharkey, Issaquena, and Humphreys counties.

Tuesday, April 25, Sardis Baptist Church—DeSoto, Tate, Tunica, and Panola counties.

Wednesday, April 26, Holly Springs Baptist Church—Marshall, Lafayette, Benton, and Union counties.

Thursday, April 27, Booneville Baptist Church—Alcorn, Tishomingo, Prentiss, and Tippah counties.

Friday, April 28, Plantersville Baptist Church—Pontotoc, Lee, Monroe, and Itawamba counties.

In addition to the three state workers, more than fifty local people from the districts will have part on the programs of these 20 conferences. We are especially anxious

## BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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served as deacons and brethren D. J. Martin, H. H. Guynes and W. S. Leach served as church clerks.

1890—J. H. Anding—1891

Brother Anding was sent as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention held at Ft. Worth, Texas. The church withdrew its membership with the Strong River Association and joined with the Copiah Baptist Association. Brethren John Rials, R. R. King, and W. S. Leach were appointed trustees; brother W. S. Leach was chosen deacon and also served as church clerk.

1891—J. C. Farrar—1899

The church building, in need of a substantial roof, was recovered with boards. A delegate was sent to each of the two State Conventions held during the period. A dispute over the possession of the church organ was not settled immediately. Brethren N. T. Nichols, Jeff Weathersby, J. J. King, J. B. Middleton, L. B. Ramsey and W. H. Izard were members of the Board of Deacons. Brother Farrar went as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. The clerks were brethren N. T. Nichols and L. B. Ramsey.

1900—J. H. Purser—1901

Brethren L. B. Ramsey, G. C. Fleming and L. M. Ashley were elected trustees and brother L. B. Ramsey was elected clerk. The Women's Society presented the church an organ.

1902—J. R. Hobbs—1903

Brethren L. B. Ramsey was elected church clerk and brethren Jasper King, Pam Phillips, and B. M. Brown were elected deacons. The Copiah Baptist Association was held with the church for its first time. The church building was repaired.

1903—W. E. Farr—1904

Brethren Henry Izard, B. M. Brown and G. C. Fleming were elected trustees and brother L. B. Ramsey served as church clerk.

1905—W. S. Rodgers—1909

Brother L. B. Ramsey was elected church clerk. Each male member was required to pay a sum of two dollars and each female member was required to pay fifty cents into the church treasury each year. A requested letter of dismissal was not granted until the church dues for that year were paid. Brother Jeff Izard was elected deacon.

1909—J. L. Hews—1909

Brother L. B. Ramsey served as church clerk. The annual dues resolution was repealed.

1910—J. H. Purser—1917

The church building and baptizing pool were repaired. Henry Izard, D. D. Myers, and C. A. Leach were elected trustees. Brethren L. B. Ramsey and C. A. Leach served as church clerks.

1918—J. G. Gilmore—1919

to have present the pastors, superintendents, class department, and general officers, associational officers, and all teachers.

The host church in each district will serve lunch. The program begins at 9:30 and closes at 3:00. ATTEND THE CONFERENCE NEAREST YOU! Programs are being mailed to every pastor and superintendent in the state. Help us make these all that they should be.

The church clerks were brethren C. A. Leach, J. O. Izard and L. B. Ramsey.

1920—D. L. Waters—1921

Brethren C. A. Leach, Henry Izard and F. M. Middleton were elected trustees; brethren L. B. Ramsey and Ray Izard served as church clerks. Brother Ray Izard was elected.

1922—H. C. Joiner—1923

Brethren F. M. Middleton and J. M. Beasley were elected. The Copiah Baptist Association met with the church's organization. The Sunday School Convention held at Columbus, Miss., enrolled Mrs. J. D. Stevens as the delegate from Bethel.

1921—M. A. Davis—1922

Brother Ray Izard served as church clerk.

1923—H. C. Joiner—1923

Brother J. D. Guynes served as church clerk.

1924—J. A. Chapman—1929

Brethren W. T. Brister, James White and F. M. Middleton were elected deacons and brother Woodall W. Izard was ordained into the ministry. Brethren J. D. Guynes, U. T. Middleton, J. O. Izard and J. H. White served as church clerks.

1930—S. S. Perry—1932

Brother Levi Beasley was ordained into the work of the ministry. During an electric and rain storm one Saturday night, the church building was destroyed by fire. Preaching services were held under a crude cloth shelter built immediately to prevent the loss of time. A campaign went forward to build another church house and with the help of committees, business firms, lumber companies, and interested people the building was completed. Brother James White served as church clerk.

1932—J. L. Beasley—1934

Brother Beasley, the first pastor in the new building was granted a leave of absence to attend the Southern Baptist Convention. The Baptist Young People Union was successfully adopted by the church for the first time and the work began. Brethren Preston White, Grover White, and James White served as church clerks.

1934—H. C. Clark—1937

A debt of unpaid pastors' salaries and the expense of the new church building was paid due to the campaign begun during a revival meeting. The debt amounted to three hundred dollars. Brethren Claude Ashley and James White served as church clerks.

1937—M. P. Jones—

Brother W. T. Middleton served as clerk. Hopes of getting electric light to the church building has been shown and a fee has been paid the company as security. Brethren J. D. Guynes and J. A. Ashley were elected trustees to work with Bro. F. M. Middleton, a trustee. The church arranged plans for sending

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the Baptist Record to families of the membership and the erecting of a small building for holding farm produce given into the treasury.

In the church building that burned in 1931, all records concerning the Sunday school and W. M. S. were lost. According to tradition, several attempts to organize the B. Y. P. U. were made but they proved unsuccessful until the pastorate of brother J. F. Beasley. The work of these unions has been a means of character building to the community and to Christian fellowship.

## Officials

Bethel Baptist Church is under the leadership of the following officers: Rev. M. P. Jones, pastor; Melton Middleton, Clerk; Buford Ashley, treasurer; Earnest Beasley, Sunday school superintendent; Fr. Ashley, Jr., assistant Sunday school superintendent; Floyd Ashley, Sunday school secretary; Bonnie Belle Middleton, Bible class teacher; Jas. White, senior class teacher; Ross Ashley, Intermediate class teacher; Julia Ashley, Junior girls' teacher; Eugene White, Junior Boys' teacher; Ella Beasley, Primary teacher; James White, chorister; Bonnie B. Middleton, pianist; Julia Ashley, assistant pianist; Claude Ashley, B. T. U. director; Lois Izard, B. Y. P. U. secretary; and Rosa Ashley, president of the W. M. S.

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(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My Dear Children:

During the past few weeks I have been trying my hand at bookkeeping, and though there is a great deal that I do not know about it, there are a few things that I have learned. One of these is that the work has to be exactly right or it is all wrong. Just a small mistake or a little oversight and the whole page is thrown out of balance. Only today I was checking up on the cash and my books showed that I should have more than a hundred dollars, and I had nowhere near that amount. It was very discouraging until I remembered that I had failed to put on the books the deposit which I had made in the bank a few hours before. Another time in copying some figures on the cash journal I wrote .01 instead of .05. When I went to balance the page, that little error of four cents made such a difference that I couldn't go any further until I had found and corrected it. Why am I telling you this? Because I think our lives are in some way like this very bookkeeping. Just a little selfish behavior or any of those things that we think of as small sins—and the day is ruined until we go back and make it right. Or it might be that an opportunity for doing good is forgotten; that page of our life is all out of balance because we forgot something that should have been on it. There is another way in which this bookkeeping is like living too. Every time I make a mistake and then have to erase it, an ugly spot is left on the page that I can't do anything about. No matter how carefully I erase or change it, that rough, smeared place is there ruining the appearance of the whole sheet. It would be so much nicer to look at if I had done it the right way to begin with. Can you make the application? How much sweeter and cleaner and happier our lives will be if we don't ever let these sins come into them! We are glad that God gave us a chance to repent and clean them up, but those scars are still there.

The most interesting looking letter came to me this week. The envelope had such strange looking markings in the left-hand corner, actually "Chinesy" looking, that I could hardly wait to open it. Imagine my pleasure to find that it really was from a little Chinese girl, Katie Wong, who attended our Chinese Mission school at Cleveland! She must be a Christian little girl for she sent a gift to help the orphans. I wish you could see the neat writing and attractive appearance of her letter. She writes in our language much better than many native born American boys and girls. You will enjoy her letter.

We have another birthday letter from Mrs. George Gatewood too. Not that she has had a birthday—maybe she has but she doesn't say so—but she has received the birthday offerings from members of the Oak Grove Sunday school and sent them to us to go on the Orphanage Birthday program. An excellent work!

Lorene Stulls writes an interesting letter and sends her gift. She sounds like an honor roll girl to me. The study of health is an important one but the study of it doesn't do much good if it doesn't help us to be healthier. That is the reason Lorene's teacher gives health marks, I'm sure.

A letter from Mrs. Irene Brewer at Parchman encloses the answer to one of our puzzles as written by one of her "boys at Parchman." She simply closes with this appeal: "Just to let you know that the boys at Parchman use Bibles and need Bibles." I am not giving the an-

swers because they were printed sometime ago, but we appreciate this friend's working them out.

With love,  
Mrs. Frances Steele.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Peter Heals the Lame Man

(Read Acts 3:1-11) One afternoon, Peter and John went up to the temple to pray. Now as they came to the beautiful gate, they saw there a lame man sitting and begging. He was over forty years old and had never walked in his life. Every morning his friends brought him to the temple and left him there that he might beg of those who went in and out of the temple. When he saw Peter and John coming, he stretched out his hand and began to ask money of them. Peter and John looked at him and remembered other times when Jesus had met those who were sick or crippled or blind. Then they knew that Jesus was still able and willing to heal although he was not there in person. Peter in a clear, sure voice said, "We have no silver or gold to give you." The lame man's face showed his disappointment, but Peter went on, "But such as we have, we give unto you. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, I say unto you, arise and walk." Then Peter reached his right hand to him, and while the man was doing his part in trying to get up, and Peter was doing his part in helping, Jesus made the crippled legs strong and well. No longer was he a lame man, for he walked and even leaped and ran; it felt so good to use those feet and legs that had never walked before. Neither did he forget those who had had a part in healing him, for he followed Peter and John into the Temple, staying close beside them, but praising God.

Cleveland, Miss.  
March 2, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I live in West Memphis, Ark. I am attending the Chinese Mission School here. I am in the Fifth Grade in Chinese and English.

We girls and boys were asked to give one of the Week of Prayer Home Mission Programs at the Baptist Church Sunday night. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. McCain our English teachers had charge of the program.

Mrs. Morris is our matron in the dormitory. She is good and kind to us.

Enclosed find 25 cts. for the Orphanage.

Your new friend,

Katie Wong.

You make us very happy, Katie, by writing this fine letter to our page. I know all of our boys and girls would like to hear more about the school which you attend. That must have been an interesting program which you gave. Thank you very much for remembering the orphans. We are pleased because of the way you sign your name.—F. L. S.

Rienzi, Miss.  
March 4, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am sorry I have been so long about writing, I go to Sunday school every Sunday. I go to school too. I am sending 10c to the orphan's home.

We have health marks at school. I am eight years old and will be nine years old the seventh of July. I am in the third grade. I haven't made below ninety on my report card. I made a hundred on a test yesterday. My school teacher's name is Miss Hill. We study four books. I have been reading the Children's Page.

With much love,  
Lorene Stulls.

If you knew how much we miss you when you do not write, you would not stay away so long, Lorene. You certainly are making an excellent record in school. Thank you for the offering.—F. L. S.

Lake, Miss.  
March 5, 1939.

My Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed you will find \$2.00 coming from those members of Oak Grove Sunday school having had birthdays recently and paid a penny a year for his so-far allotted years. This amount being so small, please use it all on the Orphanage Building Program. Should you have greater needs for it among the orphans, you may use it wherever you deem wiser.

Hoping to have more birthday contributions to hand on to you in your great and marvelous work as the days go by.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. George Gatewood.

Again we thank you, Mrs. Gatewood, for taking the initiative in this work in your Sunday school. You are a good friend to the cause, in very deed. Won't you tell some of those small "havers-of-birthdays" that we'd like mighty well to hear from them?—F. L. S.

## ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

1. Job.
2. Hosea.
3. Lamentations.
4. Acts.
5. Numbers.
6. Mark.
7. Hebrews.
8. Proverbs.
9. Chronicles.
10. Amos.
11. Ruth and Esther.
12. Revelations.

## PUZZLE

1. If Abel killed Cain, put down R. If he did not, put down G.
2. If Joseph was Jacob's son, put down O. If Jacob was Joseph's son, put down M.
3. If Paul and Silas were twin brothers, put down B. If they were travelling companions, put down D.
4. If Noah lived the longest of all the Old Testament men, put down C. If he did not, put down I.
5. If Daniel killed Goliath with his sling shot, put down I. If David did, put down S.
6. If the 119th Psalm is the longest chapter in the Bible, put down L. If the 117th is, put down N.
7. If Joshua led the Children of Israel after the death of Moses, put down O. If Caleb did, put down F.
8. If Hezekiah was one of the minor prophets, put down H. If he was a major prophet, put down I. If he was a king, put down V.
9. If John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin, put down E. If they were no kin, put down J.

What Bible verse do these letters spell?

—BR—

## S. S. ATTENDANCE, MARCH 12th

Jackson, First Church	985
Jackson, Griffith Church	665
Clinton Church	361
Clarksdale Church	469
Crystal Springs Church	403
Meridian, First Church	616
Vicksburg, First Church	439
Pontotoc Church	207
Bethlehem Church	80
Calvary Church, Tupelo	343
Morton Church (Springfield)	118
Brookhaven Church	581

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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF MR. LOUIE M. JONES

On the evening of January 1939, Mr. Louie M. Jones heard welcome acclaim "Well done and faithful servant." A call came from the Lord of the blessed a champion of the right and a dier of faith; a warrior takes rest, and he has gone to be with the Lord.

In honor to his memory, the members of Pheba Baptist Church in loving tribute. His departure brings great sorrow to the church and community. He leaves a heritage in character and a strong witness to Christianity in his life and death.

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Study Course

This week a Training School is a county leaders and officers churches coming to be termed a "Le Seven classes are held by Aubrey J. V. in The Training Miss Lucy Carleton The Junior and Intermediate Manual; Dr. teaching "A Winn Gaines Hightower Senior B. Y. P. Wade Smith has using the book, V. Christ; Miss Ann class of Intermedi for Christ, and M is leading the Jun The Junior and Ora Lee Wells, at M. W. C. has recreational features night a special planned to follow work. Each eveni be divided into first and last forty be class work, an of thirty minutes together for an im Mr. Garland M. rector for Forr charge of the pro cludes a second church in the cou cooperate in a s course. We hope sults of these tw

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Eden Organize

Thanks to Mr for the informat newly organized Eden. Eden has mediate Union f it is largely the work that the come into exist late these boys this additional them for Christ

Charleston Sets

Thanks to Mr Charleston for newly organize Mrs. N. C. Hat



# Baptist Training Union

Aim—Training in Church Membership

AUBER J. WILDS . . . . . STATE SECRETARY  
LUCY CARLETON WILDS . . . . . ASSOCIATE SECRETARY  
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## Study Course at M. W. C. This Week

This week a Training School is being held at Woman's College. The school is a county-wide work with leaders and officers from the other churches coming in for what may be termed a "Leadership School". Seven classes are being taught: Secretary Aubert J. Wilds has a class in The Training Union Manual; Miss Lucy Carleton has a class in The Junior and Intermediate Leaders' Manual; Dr. W. E. Holcomb is teaching "A Winning Witness"; Dr. Gaines Hightower is teaching The Senior B. Y. P. U. Manual; Rev. Wade Smith has a class of seniors, using the book, Winning Others to Christ; Miss Annie Averett has a class of Intermediates in Witnessing for Christ, and Miss Sylvia Smith is leading the Juniors in their book, The Junior and His Church. Miss Ora Lee Wells, student secretary at M. W. C. has charge of the recreational features, and on Friday night a special social program is planned to follow the week's class work. Each evening the work will be divided into three periods, the first and last forty-five minutes will be class work, and an intermission of thirty minutes when all come together for an inspirational period. Mr. Garland McInnis, Group Director for Forrest county, is in charge of the program. The plan includes a second week when each church in the county is expected to cooperate in a simultaneous study course. We hope to report the results of these two weeks later.

## Have You Planned Yours?

We mean your study course? We are counting on every leader to plan a study course for their union this spring. March is the month we give special emphasis to, but if you miss it in March make it April. But be sure not to let the spring pass without a study course. Yes it will take some time, and some money, but the value of such study is vastly worth all it costs. If you would like a list of the study course books, and also blanks on which to report the results of your study course drop us a card.

## Eden Organizes a Junior Union

Thanks to Mrs. V. R. Netherland for the information concerning their newly organized Junior Union at Eden. Eden has had a good Intermediate Union for a long time, and it is largely the result of their good work that the Junior Union has come into existence. We congratulate these boys and girls on having this additional opportunity offered them for Christian training.

## Charleston Sets Up Training Union

Thanks to Mrs. E. H. McElroy of Charleston for the report of their newly organized Training Union. Mrs. N. C. Hathorn was elected as

director and four unit organizations were started, a B. A. U. with Mr. Frank Dorham as president; a Senior with Miss Janie Kuykendall, president; and an Intermediate with Mrs. J. A. Penny as leader; and a Junior with Mrs. E. H. McElroy as leader. They have plans for a Training School for the week of March 19th, feeling that the best way to start is for every officer and committeeman to study his duties as listed in the Manual. Congratulations, Charleston.

## Suggestions for Conducting a Training School

For working out specific plans for a training school a few suggestions are offered here.

### 1. Select a Suitable Time

March and September are South-wide Study Course Months, but any week in the year is a good time and may be "Training School Week."

### 2. Select the Teacher, or Teachers

The pastor is usually the right person to teach Seniors and Adults. The Junior and Intermediate leaders will likely be suitable for teaching the Junior and Intermediate courses. If outside helpers are desired, the Associational Baptist Training Union director can usually supply such helpers. It is sometimes possible to get a state worker, without expense to the Training Union, but taking the course should not depend upon this.

### 3. Obtain the Textbooks

A careful selection should be made, keeping in mind the courses that have already been taken and the present needs of the people. The manuals should be studied first by those who have not had them.

Books should be ordered two or three weeks in advance from the Baptist Book Store serving your state. Only the books listed in this tract are credit courses for the Baptist Training Union.

Collect for the books as you go, and pay for them promptly. Some one person should be made definitely responsible for looking after the books.

### 4. Enlist the Young People and Adults for the Training School

Every B. Y. P. U. and B. A. U. member should be enlisted. The Bible readers' leader and instruction committee should visit and personally urge every member to attend. The pastor, director, presidents, leaders, and all the officers should give themselves wholeheartedly to making the training school a big success.

The Standard of Excellence requires at least 50 per cent of the membership to take a course every twelve months. The Eight Point Record System grades each individual 10 per cent on having taken the study course. Credit is allowed for twelve months from the date the course was taken.

### 5. Provide Attractive Programs

A program which combines study, devotion, fun, and fellowship should be provided. A lunch may be served, but that is not essential to the success of the school.

Suggested Program, Director or President Presiding:

6:45 p.m. Class Work.

7:30 p.m. Address, by the pastor, teacher, or a visiting speaker.

Announcements, reports, special features.

8:45 p.m. Classes

9:00 p.m. Adjourn.

(In some churches it will be desirable to leave off the address and close thirty minutes earlier.)

### 6. Conduct a Written Examination

The final period of class work on the last night should be devoted to a written examination on the whole book. See "Study Course Requirements" below.

### 7. Obtain the Awards

The director of the training school (or the teacher if only one class is taught) should write to the state Baptist Training Union department when the training school is being planned and get blanks upon which to request the awards. These blanks should be filled out in duplicate and both copies for each class sent to the state Baptist Training Union department. One copy will be kept there and one forwarded to the Baptist Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee. The awards will be sent from Nashville, free of charge.

### 8. Hold an Appropriate Recognition Service for Granting the Awards

After obtaining the awards, preparations should be made for a great recognition service at which time they will be given to the people earning them. The evening preaching service is a good time. Usually the pastor will be glad to co-operate in working out the program.

## IN MEMORIAM

On December 30, 1938, the sweet quiet spirit of Mrs. Ellen Thompson Myers slipped away to the eternal home. Her going away was a shock to friends and loved ones as some did not know she was ill until after her death. She was a faithful wife, devoted mother, loving daughter, loyal friend, and an untiring worker in her church, being financial secretary of the Forty-first Avenue Baptist Church and also secretary and treasurer of the T. E. L. class, and treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society.

She was "diligent in business," fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Being scrupulously honest and accurate in her work, she could be relied upon at all times. Her loss has been keenly felt in all the organizations. It can be said of her that "her price was far above rubies, for she looked well to the

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ways of her household, and ate not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her."

"Beautiful life with its crown now won

Beautiful soul into glory gone,

God giveth thee rest.

Beautiful spirit free from all stain,

Ours the heartache, sorrow and pain.

Thine is the glory, the infinite gain

Thy slumber is sweet."

Committee: Mrs. J. M. McLemore, Mrs. Maude Red, Mrs. J. E. Pool.

P. B. CLIETT

Pheba Baptist Church sustained a great loss in the recent passing of brother P. B. Cliett. Just a few days previous to an attack of appendicitis he was seemingly in excellent health. His death was a shock to everyone in this vicinity.

This good man will be greatly missed in Pheba. He was devoted to his church and took much pride in its progress. He was willing at all times to perform any task relative to church work, that was within his power. He was a deacon.

Brother Cliett is survived by his wife, three sons, and three sisters. He left a host of friends in this section.

W. A. Frye, Pastor.

Houston: I have never seen the work grow so rapidly. Every phase of our work is filled with the spirit of evangelism. Our W. M. U., the young people's department, the Sunday school, and the church attendance are growing every Sunday. We have a fine choir of about 35 voices and brother Edwards, our choir director, is leading in a wonderful way. We had a fine day here last Sunday. The Lord is wonderfully blessing our work. We had eight additions to the church Sunday, seven of them coming on a profession of faith. I am grateful to God for what He is doing in our town and church. I hope to see greater things come to pass before the year is over. Our people are really awake and working.—W. C. Stewart, Pastor.

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## ALL'S QUIET ON THE CHINA FRONT TONIGHT

(Southern Baptist Mission, Wuchow, Kwong Sai, China, Nov. 21, 1938.)

The droning of the last flock of Japanese bombers has faded away in the South, the barking of the anti-aircraft guns has quieted down, the "All-clear" siren has ceased its wail from its watchtower above the city, the man-made tunnels and caves underneath the hills have emptied their masses of men, women and children back into the streets for the night. Many of these have been hiding there for most of the day. They came before breakfast at the first scream of the siren-alarm and there they sat crouching and waiting until afternoon, yes, waiting for the sickening, thundering crash of the Japanese bombs that are being hurled from the skies into China's very heart. Yes, "All's quiet" on the China front tonight. The Japanese birds-of-death have gone back to roost for the night on the decks of their ships floating quietly on China's seas. Yes, "All's quiet" tonight. Yonder in those cities where the Jap bombers unloaded their tons of Death and Destruction on the helpless today there are, many, many, many bodies of human beings that are quiet and still tonight. Oh, so very quiet. Not even the sound of a heart-beat. That little babe, so tender and helpless, that fed at its mother's breast in the early dawn today does not need her tonight. That little boy whose smile gladdened his father and mother's hearts has fallen asleep, and his body is only a little pile of mangled flesh and bones, bloody clothes and shrapnel tonight. That little widowed mother whose daily toil kept her little brood fed will feed them no more. She rests tonight. Two little girls and their baby brother have cried themselves to sleep there beside their mother's mangled body. No supper and no home tonight. Tomorrow they too perhaps will be blown into hash. Yes, "All's quiet" tonight on the China front, very, very quiet, while Japanese war-lords dream and dream of millions of Chinese slaves bowing at their feet while some American business men gloat over the profits they have made out of Chinese blood.

Recently when I was protesting to a certain American Consul about America helping Japan to carry on this wholesale murder in China, he replied, "Oh, it would throw a lot of our American people out of work if we should stop selling these war materials to Japan." May our great Lord God have mercy on America if she must drink the blood-money of China's helpless women and children in order to live. Talk about cannibals?

These are strange days in Wuchow and in other cities too. So many things have, "limited" attached to them. The rivers connecting us with the outside world are blocked with sunken ships loaded with rock and cement. This means that when our present supplies of fuel-oil for boats and our city electric light plant are exhausted they must all stop and our city will be in darkness except a few kerosene lamps which are also limited.

Recently a Chinese business man fleeing from Wuchow donated me his fine American electric refrigerator and his latest model powerful American radio. I listened to the outside world for a few nights with great pleasure then zip went one of the radio tubes and now the outside world is silent again because I cannot get a new tube. Anything that breaks down is finished until the end of this Invaders' War. And even then it looks like it must have, "Made in Japan" on it or we will not be permitted to buy it. Talk about "Selling your birthright" or "Killing the goose that lays the golden eggs", why poor old America is doing these very things in China at this very moment. She is grasping at a few temporary Japanese business dollars and cannot see that she herself, America, is very truly assisting Japan to become the most dangerous business competitor and military enemy on this side of the earth that our present and future generations of American citizens will ever have to meet.

Since the Japanese bombers hurled 21 bombs, more than a ton, into our residences, schools and hospital of our Baptist Mission in Wuchow on Sept. 17th, it's been part of my work to mop-up after those destroyers. We now have the roofs on all the buildings that were left standing repaired and most of the windows repaired in the church building.

When Japanese bombers raided our Baptist Mission Compound in September they murdered ten of our Chinese high school boys and girls, right here on our American property. And worst of all those very bombs were made of materials supplied by America, perhaps.

Our church work has been scrambled considerably these days also. Many of our members have fled to the mountains and country districts but our preaching of the Gospel has greatly increased. As thousands of refugees from other sections of China are passing our church doors we felt that we must not let them pass without hearing about their only hope, Jesus Christ the Saviour for all peoples. Therefore, every night in the week our Baptist Church is open and the Gospel is being preached to these who are poor, distressed, scattered and hunted by the Japanese killers. We are trying to place a Gospel tract into the hands of every soul that passes our way through the streets at night. During the day the streets are practically deserted because of the constant danger of death from the Japanese murderers who inhabit the air above us with, "the prince of the power of the air." Since man has invaded his realm I think he has taken charge of and runs this expert murdering machine which civilized??? man has invented, bombers and machine-gun airplanes.

These woes that have come upon the Chinese people are causing them to realize that their old gods are of no use and cannot give any hope. But our Father's message concerning His Son and our Saviour Jesus is turning the eyes and hearts of these weary travelers heavenward for help and hope.

Most all of the institutions of man in China that tended for polishing of the intellect are gradually but surely being swept into oblivion by these Japanese invaders. Only, "The Old Rugged Cross" of Jesus Christ is able to stand and rise above this terrible storm that is shattering this ancient empire of China. I think that our Father in heaven is trying to show His children that the preaching of His Gospel to lost souls is the all-important work that He wants us to carry on for Him. If there ever was a time on earth when God's people should be using all of our strength, wealth and our very lives in preaching Jesus to lost men and women surely, truly that time is now, this very day and hour. May He help us to see and act while we can. Tomorrow? Well, perhaps tomorrow will be too late. Too late!

I'm not sure this letter will ever reach you. Perhaps it may, if it escapes the Jap bombers on its way to the sea. If it does reach you it could tell of a long journey by small boats and buses and trucks overland to find a gap in the Japanese wall about China, and then a run-for-its-life through the Japanese navy to catch a friendly American ship at Hong Kong bound for U. S. A.

Mrs. Ray and the children are only some 225 miles from where I am but it takes a letter weeks to make the dangerous journey to them.

The Lord is greatly blessing and protecting His own in China these days. Oh, we may lose all of our earthly possessions but we shall not take them with us anyway when the hour comes to depart for our Heavenly City.

May His blessed peace fill your hearts as you serve and worship our Father and His Son.

Write to us when you can. We always hope to hear from you. "ALL'S QUIET" TONIGHT ON THE CHINA FRONT. — VERY QUIET.

Yours in the Master's Service.  
REX RAY.

P.S.

Just as I write this one of our heroic missionaries, Miss Margie Shumate, and her Bible woman have just reached Wuchow. They have been on the road several days and nights with scarcely a wink of sleep. Forty Japanese bombs hit all about them and Miss Pender, one of our new missionaries, before the

start on this long trek. Some Chinese were slaughtered or wounded but not one Christian was touched by the bombs. Miss Shumate and her Bible woman traveled overland on foot for two days and then caught a small boat on its way to Wuchow. The windows of the boat had been blown out and the roof shattered by Jap bombs. The bunks were all full so the Messengers of the Cross could not sit there on the boat in the rain as they travelled on. Business was finished, a bite of fresh food a few hours of rest and back they go tomorrow to those Chinese who Miss Shumate loves more than her own life. Jesus understands, He gave His all for us once.—Ray.

## GRATEFUL FOR BLESSINGS

The Spirit has brought great blessings to the churches where have been privileged to conduct meetings since the convention last fall. More than 200 have been added to the churches, most of them by baptism. Two pastors have been called to pastorless flocks, a church house moved more than a mile from its former location, a back road to a beautiful site on the highway. Another house completely razed and a modern, low-type house of worship will be completed. More than \$200 has been promised by different churches to be added to their year's budget for the cooperation program. Two Sunday schools have been organized, three B. T. U. one W. M. U., two financial programs set up and three religious census taken. Eleven clinics have been held on different phases of church life.

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Thursday, March 16, 1939

## REMOTE CONTROL

(Editorial in Florida Baptist Witness, By Dr. E. D. Solomon.)

In McComb City, Miss., we were going to see a grand old lady. The spirit said go down this street in a different direction. Not knowing where or why we were going. We hesitated on a corner. A young man approached us and said, "I heard you last night and I am troubled about my sins. I did not sleep much last night. I wanted all day to tell you, but I did not know where to find you." Right there on the streets we pointed the way to Christ. He surrendered and was happily converted. That was Charlie Jones, who for years has been one of the best preachers in his state. Was that not remote control?

Jesus says, "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." There are but two limits to prayer—God's will and man's faith. What are we to pray for? "All things." The things most neglected are the little things. Life is made up of little things. To us God's sovereignty is not made up so much of the great as the small things. Sure He created the heavens and the earth and all that in them is. He set the sun in its course and the moon to shine by night. He made the stars to glitter and the heavens to declare His glory. The mountains are but God's thoughts piled up; the valleys are God's thoughts stretched out; the ocean God's thoughts in activity and man God's thoughts in incarnation. These things are impersonal. They do not appeal to us so much as He notes the fall of the sparrow and counts the very hairs of your head. God's infinite mind takes in the small things of life. He touches us at every point.

We will tell you a story. When we had finished the new church building in McComb City, Miss., we were asked to preach at the annual memorial service of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors. We had preached to the men in the shops and baptized many of them. We were anxious to reach the conductors. We felt here was our chance. So all the week we prayed, "Lord, save these conductors." Our text was, "It is appointed unto men once to die, then cometh the judgment."

On Saturday one of the conductors gave us a paper with the names of their dead and the order of the services. Sunday morning came. We were quite nervous and deeply concerned. We did not have the calmness and assurance essential to a victory. We did not have the victory inside. When it was time to go to the church we thought of the paper and could not find it. We searched and looked everywhere, but no paper. We felt all was ruined without it. In the midst of our confusion the thought came "Why don't you ask God. He knows where it is." We knelt and said, "Oh, God, all the week we have prayed for the salvation of our conductors. Now we need this piece of paper. Please show us where it is."

We arose, picked up a book, opened it and there was the paper. Our soul was filled to overflowing. We said, "Lord, we are much obliged.

We will see you later."

We rolled down the steps, jumped the front yard fence and went leaping and bounding to church, saying, "The God who has heard us for the piece of paper will hear us about the greatest of all things on earth, the salvation of men's souls."

That day we preached with assurance and power. We said, "Oh, conductors, three out of the five of your comrades during the year died suddenly. You may be next. Your name may be on this paper next year. It is appointed unto men to die. Are you ready to go? Only Christ can make you ready. Accept him today."

The song was "Only Trust Him." We had one stanza; nobody came; the second, no one came; the third, and a little girl came. The Devil said, "You asked for a conductor and got a little girl." The next to come was the child's mother, then the father, a big conductor. When Mr. Erickson came interest picked up. Then came Mr. Clements. Here came Vernon and Dick Robbins among the younger men, and on and on they came until the front seats were filled with men, women and children. What a great day it was. We baptized them that night. The God who heard the prayer about the "little piece of paper" heard the prayer about eternal souls.

When we came out of the World's War to take the pastorate of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans there was that little girl working in the B. Y. P. U. and her mother in the W. M. U. and Mr. Erickson, her father, in the church. There were the Robbins boys and Mr. Clements. Every Sunday when we saw them we were encouraged to pray to God who heard prayer for the "little piece of paper." When we left that church they were there to say to us, "Do you remember that memorial day in our church at McComb City—that day we were saved?"

On our way to Florida to take charge of the Florida Baptist Witness we went by Jackson, Miss., and saw Dr. Lipsey, editor of the Baptist Record. He did not hold out a very bright prospect for religious journalism. We boarded the fast train to New Orleans, one of the greatest trains in the world. We slumped down in a seat, terribly and woefully discouraged. We had left a wife in the hospital in Shreveport. We confess the future looked dark. The conductor came. When he saw us he made a dive at us and said, "Here is Brother Solomon. My wife and myself were talking about you today and wondering where you were." Here was Dick Robbins. After this hilarious greeting, he invited us to supper with him. We accepted with gleeful delight. As we were finishing the sumptuous meal the whistle blew for New Orleans. He reached over the table, taking our hand in his big hands and said, "Do you remember the memorial day. The Lord saved me that day. I have not lived as I should, but I would not take all the world for what I got that day. We love you at our house."

No more gloom, no more discouragement. We came on to Florida with victory in our soul.

The God who heard the prayer about the "little piece of paper" has heard about our Florida paper. He has never once failed. For more than seven years we have never failed one time to meet our bills and the way is getting brighter. Pray for the little things. If we do not pray for the "little things" we rule God out of our lives, for our lives are filled with "little things."

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." So mote it be.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN

Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, wife of Dr. Tyler, head of the department of Bible at Blue Mountain College, will appear twice on the program of the Tennessee Baptist W. M. U. Convention at Union City, March 14-16.

Mrs. Tyler will render a vocal solo, "Thy Law Do I Love" Wednesday evening, and will make an address: "The Four Dimensions of Love" Thursday morning.

## MRS. W. C. MAXWELL

Today my heart is filled with sorrow, not because of the passing of my dear friend Mrs. Maxwell, because the passing to the Eternal City was a comfort to her and to the loved ones who had seen her suffer so long and so very patiently, but I grieve because her friendship and the true and loyal spirit of love and understanding is forever beyond human contact.

In all my life, I have never known a sweeter Christian character—always the same, always seeing and making others see the "bright side." Even in her last few months, which

were practically unbearable because of the pain, she never complained but bore her suffering like a soldier. Her capacity for retaining and quoting the Bible, editorials and current events, was excellent. Her's was indeed, a brilliant mind and she always "kept up" with the times, despite the fact that she had passed her eighty-third milestone, and her health had not been good for years. She took a deep interest in people and especially her family and their friends. Her sweet motherly counsel has meant much to me. One thing, in particular, she said to me while I was telling her of some of my home problems, was, "My dear, we must first learn to control ourselves before we can control others, even our own children; always remember this and it will make things easier for you." And I have remembered and it has helped me much in controlling my sons. I shall miss her much more than it is possible to express, but my life will be better for having known and loved so dear a person. Mrs. Maxwell's lovely daughters and fine sons truly reflect the character of a wonderful Christian mother.—One Who Loved Her.

Brother W. O. Pool, Louin, Rt. 1, has been an invalid for two years. He utilizes his opportunities for intercessory prayer, and asks an interest in yours.

Father (examining his son in general knowledge): "Now, Sammie, name the four seasons."

Sammie (after much thought): "Salt, mustard, vinegar, pepper!"

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

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Lucile Keith; Beginner, Miss Mattie C. Leatherwood; Cradle Roll, Miss Ruby Taylor; Vacation Bible School, J. B. Smith.

As in the two previous sessions, the capacity of the auditorium was taxed for the night service and brother Edwards had hearty co-operation in the singing. The choir of the host church sang, *The Lord Is My Light*, directed by Mrs. J. L. Gates at the organ. Dr. Middleton brought his devotional message and Pres. Jones made announcements. Recognition of Philadelphia as the only AA Standard School in the south was given by a standing salute to these untiring workers. Secretary D. A. McCall announced the district evangelistic conferences and called upon G. C. Hodge, Biloxi, to announce the Southeast Mississippi conference to be held in Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, March 20-21.

R. B. Patterson, Okolona, spoke on the subject, *Vacation Bible School Adds*. He gave emphasis to seven things which the Vacation Bible School adds: 1. The problem of work; 2. Opportunity for wholesome recreation and fellowship; 3. Bible Study; 4. Method of teaching; 5. Opportunity to win the boys and girls to Christ; 6. Enlist the young people in Christian service; 7. Joy and Satisfaction to the Christian worker's heart. Wm. P. Phillips spoke on *The Last Opportunity*. His message was to have been followed by special music and an address by Dr. John L. Hill, but the time for adjournment having come it was explained by Pastor Gates that our hosts, the chamber of commerce and the entertainment planned for the hour could not wait, so the convention was adjourned, some going to the civic center auditorium for the Alabama Barbecue presented by the chorus of the Oak Park Colored School, and some remaining to hear Dr. Hill give his evening message, some two or three hundred having persuaded him to speak after the convention adjourned.

## CLOSING MORNING SESSION

By Margie McCall  
Clinton, Miss.

Morning conferences were largely attended again, the largest in recent years. The largest adult conference he ever attended in Mississippi according to Wm. P. Phillips, southwide representative from Nashville, was the one at Laurel. Good reports of the new Extension worker, Herman King, of Nashville, were heard.

That master of songsters, E. C. Edwards, again led with the audience joining him in the spirit of worship. In our midst, there is no better leader than E. C. Edwards, according to many. His modesty and real spiritual worship in this part of the service laid a good foundation for the devotional thought by Dr. James Middleton of Clinton, whose concluding thought was "Walking with God."

Among other significant things he said the surrendered life was the surest way to have sweet fellowship with God when one would

walk with Him. He spoke of the need of coming apart and living a separate life, using the grand Old Testament character, Enoch, as an example of "one who lived in a day when wickedness was popular"—yet who came apart and "walked with God." Most enheartening were all his devotionals, and many were saying these had been among the convention high peaks.

J. P. Edmunds of Nashville spoke on "Win the Last One." He stressed the entire set-up as an ideal one for evangelism, and urged that from the cradle roll through the extension department every visit be in the end that more people might believe. A great thought which he left ringing in the ears of the people was: "That which we believe in fully and love devotedly, we will work for and give to sacrificially."

Dr. John L. Hill's closing message was the high point of the convention to many. He blended wit and eloquence to make a challenge to "red-blooded men" that will never be forgotten by those who heard him. He keenly analyzed the present situation in the world, and pointed the way for "red-blooded" men to serve God in a day when it takes heroic character. He declared his message was not to "ease-loving men, pink-tea men, lounge-lizards, and sissies," but instead he was speaking only to real men. He spoke of scenes sometimes noted at football games when a group of fellows half drunk, sit in the grandstand and criticize the men on the football field in the heat and hardships of the game—"when an ox team couldn't pull them on to the gridiron," to take what the team was taking. That sort of spirit was not typical of real men, he declared, whether it be in the sport world or in the church of Jesus. He warned against church people being "too soft to appreciate the real blessings we have." He mentioned especially religious liberty, freedom to worship God as we will and the open Bible as among the priceless blessings which should be guarded.

Intelligent observation was needed, said Dr. Hill, in days when Christians are told that wrongs we see existing are not as we see them. He urged red-blooded men to see moral conditions in the nation as they are, and not as the politicians paint them. The pressure of time is tremendous, and he urged men to weigh things and choose the most important. Honest evaluation of all things in comparison with the church would show the church to be the greatest of all institutions, and worthy of the best in brave men. The noble traditions of the church were listed most beautifully by Dr. Hill, in which he named hallowed memories, fruitful service, financial investment and inspiring influence. Dr. Hill declared that a man should attend church services three times each week—if for no other reason than that some boy in the community might be influenced to go by his example. Dr. Hill was at his best in his vigorous closing message, and Mississippi Baptists overwhelmed him with their appreciative expressions when the session ended.

The efficient officers of the con-

vention were re-elected, W. W. Jones of Philadelphia, president; G. C. Hodge of Biloxi, vice-president, and Emmett Ruble of West Point, secretary. W. W. Grafton of Hattiesburg accompanied by Mrs. E. S. Cole of Philadelphia, sang a special number at the last session.



MR. P. L. WEBB,

formerly cashier of the Bank of Shelby, now connected with the State Banking Department, was recently elected superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school, Shelby, and since he has assumed the responsibility of leadership in this office has definitely proven his ability as a leader and with the cooperation of his officers and teachers expects to make the Sunday school a powerful factor in the promotion of the church program. Mr. Webb is a graduate of Mississippi College and is well fitted to lead in this field.

## A THOUSAND A MONTH

More than a thousand patients were treated in the Southern Baptist Hospital every month last year, according to a statement made by Superintendent Louis J. Bristow. And for every patient there is a minimum of ten visitors, according to conservative estimates. That means the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans comes into contact with a great number of people who are not Baptists every day in the year. Among the patients of our New Orleans Baptist Hospital are leading men and women of that city, as well as those from other cities and States; besides the more obscure folk. Never in its history has the Southern Baptist Convention had an institution which anything like approached the non-Baptist contacts which are made every month by the Southern Baptist Hospital.

And the blessings of heaven have rested upon this hospital. In its 13 years operation, it has never closed a year with an operating deficit; nor has it ever failed to meet its obligations when due. Interest and principal on its bonded debt have been paid 100 cents on the dollar every time; and no renewal or delay has ever been asked for.

Four hundred and seventy-nine persons were given free service last year; and sixteen hundred and seventy-eight other persons were given service at rates far below

cost to the Hospital. Persons who agreed to pay and who did not are not included in these figures. Such cases are regarded as "bad debts" and are charged off to operating loss.

More than seventeen thousand days of hospital service were given the sick and injured poor for which the Hospital received nothing, or very little, from the sufferers. We submit that is no small Christian service.

## HILLMAN

The YWA council had a special meeting on Tuesday, March 8, to discuss plans for the rest of the year. A study course will take place next week. The subject for study will be "China Through a College Window." Members of the YWA observed this week as a week of prayer. At the meetings of the three circles on Thursday night, a mission offering was taken. The Hillman YWA is a standard A-1 YWA. Mr. J. W. Middleton is the counselor and Miss Frances Phillips is the president.—Mildred Sepp.

Dr. J. E. Dillard of Nashville, Promotion Missionary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was in Jackson Tuesday of this week to meet and confer with the associational chairman of the 100,000 Club. A good representation was present from almost every part of the state. The purpose is to enlist to full strength the givers in our churches who are willing to help pay off the debt of our Southern Baptist boards and institutions. The debt of the Foreign Mission Board has been greatly reduced. The debt of the Home Board is still very heavy, and limits the amount of mission work it can undertake. We have in the past few years largely through the 100,000 Club paid off half our debts. The plan is to cancel all of them on or before the year 1945 when we celebrate the centennial of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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